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Governor alleges Constitutional collapse in Kerala

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Arif Mohammed Khan

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on Monday unleashed a full-blown attack on the State government, alleging that "they have initiated the process of collapse of constitutional machinery" by threatening him with dire consequences and not permitting the Vice-Chancellors appointed by him to perform their duties.

"I would urge them to go ahead, create more problems, barge into the Raj Bhavan, if you have the guts. Attack me on the road," he said, when asked about the protests by Left organisations against Ciza Thomas, who was given charge of A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technological University by him in his capacity as the Chancellor of the State universities.

On the protest rally being planned in front of the Raj Bhavan on November 15, Mr. Khan said he was ready to face it. Responding to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's remarks against him, he alluded to the latter's alleged abuse of power and divulged details of his conflicts with the government till date.

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Supreme Court, in a majority verdict, upholds the EWS quota

10% reservation to the 'poorest of poor' among forward castes does not affect Basic Structure of the Constitution, say three judges of the five-member Bench; CJI, another judge hold that exclusion of other communities is avowedly discriminatory

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on Monday, in a 3:2 majority decision, upheld the validity of the 103rd Constitutional Amendment, which provides 10% reservation in government jobs and educational institutions to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of society but excludes the "poorest of poor" among Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) from its scope.

Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, Bela M. Trivedi and J.B. Pardiwala delivered the majority opinions on the five-judge Bench in an hour-long session.

Chief Justice U.U. Lalit, on his last working day, and Justice S. Ravindra Bhat gave the minority view, which Justice Bhat authored.

On whether such a reservation on the sole basis of economic criterion violated the Basic Structure of the Constitution, Dinesh Justice Maheshwari took the expansive view that reservation was an "instrument of affirmative action by the state" and should not be confined to the SCs, STs, SEBCs, and the non-creamy layer of the OBCs but also include "any class or sections so disadvantaged as to answer the description of 'weaker section'".

Justice Trivedi, on her part, noted that "the legislature understands and appreciates the needs of its own people".

The three judges in the majority held that reservation on economic criterion alone did not violate the Basic Structure of the Constitution.

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The 3:2 split

How the Bench was arrayed on vital points on reservation for the economically weaker section

Justice Dinesh Maheshwari

Whether reservation on the sole basis of economic criteria violates the Basic Structure of the Constitution:

Majority view: Reservation singularly on economic criterion does not violate the Basic Structure. Reservation is an instrument of affirmative action by the state for an egalitarian society

Minority view: Reservation is a powerful tool to enable equal opportunity and equal access. Introducing economic basis is permissible, yet the 'othering' of socially and educationally disadvantaged classes will amount to heaping injustice based on their past disability

Justice Ravindra Bhat

Whether EWS quota breaches the ceiling limit of 50% on reservation:

Majority view: It does not breach the ceiling limit, which is not inflexible and applies only to SC/ST/OBC/SEBC

Minority view: Permitting the breach will become a gateway for further infractions and result in compartmentalisation...

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Term 'Hindu' is Persian, says Satish Jarkiholi

BELAGAVI
A statement by KPCC working president Satish Jarkiholi at a rally in Nippani of Belagavi that the term 'Hindu' did not originate in India, has triggered a controversy. » page 6

'Commission must rethink age for consensual sex'

BENGALURU
The High Court said the Law Commission of India will have to rethink the age criteria for having consensual sex to address instances of sexual intercourse as a result of love affair among minors. » page 6

Fighting smog

Constant battle: An anti-smog gun sprays water into the heavily polluted air of Mall Road in New Delhi on Monday. Primary schools will reopen on Wednesday following the recent improvement in air quality. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

SC disallows pleas for CBI probe against Soren

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday held that public interest litigation (PIL) petitions filed against Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren seeking a CBI investigation into allegations of money laundering, are not maintainable.

Mr. Soren had approached the Supreme Court after the State High Court had held that the PIL petitions against him for alleged money laundering through shell companies and obtaining a mining lease were maintainable. The Bench, which gave relief to Mr. Soren, was headed by Chief Justice U.U. Lalit.

"We have allowed the appeals holding that the PILs are not maintainable," Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, on the Bench, said.

The Supreme Court had earlier stayed the Jharkhand High Court proceedings against Mr. Soren while reserving his appeals against the High Court decision for judgment.

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Cooperate or perish, UN chief cautions at COP-27

Reuters
SHARM EL-SHEIKH

Collective effort: UN chief Antonio Guterres and Egypt President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi attend COP-27 in Sharm el-Sheikh. REUTERS

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told countries gathered at the start of the COP-27 summit in Egypt on Monday that they face a stark choice: work together now to cut emissions or condemn future generations to climate catastrophe.

Mr. Guterres's comments come at a time when the world is distracted by Russia's war in Ukraine, rampant consumer inflation and energy shortages. "Humanity has a choice: cooperate or perish," Mr. Guterres told delegates gathered in the seaside resort town of Sharm el-Sheikh.

"The two largest economies – the U.S. and China – have a particular responsibility to join efforts to make this pact a reality," he said.

The speech set an urgent tone as governments sit down for two weeks of talks on how to avert the worst of climate change.

Mr. Guterres called for a pact between the world's richest and poorest countries to accelerate the transition from fossil fuels and funding to ensure poorer countries can reduce emissions and cope with the climate impacts that have already occurred.

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U.K. court clears request for extradition of Bhandari

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A United Kingdom Magistrate court on Monday cleared the request for extradition of Sanjay Bhandari to India – in connection with money laundering and tax evasion charges – for a final decision by the Secretary of State. He may challenge the verdict in a higher court.

Mr. Bhandari is being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate and Income Tax Department.

The first plea, sent on April 15, 2020, pertained to the money laundering offence being investigated by the ED and the second dated June 2, 2021, was on allegations of tax evasion.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Jeff Bezos pledges a billion dollars towards protecting the climate

1 In $ billion, the amount pledged by The Bezos Earth Fund — set up by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos — to help protect carbon reserves and biodiversity, according to a statement by the office of French President Emmanuel Macron. Bezos's philanthropic organisation has so far pledged 30% of its $10-billion fund toward nature conservation, restoration and food-systems transformation. Reuters

IndiGo grounds 10% of its fleet due to supply chain disruptions

30 The number of aircraft grounded by IndiGo, due to global supply chain disruptions. This forms 10% of Indigo's fleet. As of September, the airline had a fleet of 279 aircraft. IndiGo posted a bigger loss for the second quarter, hit by higher fuel prices and foreign exchange losses, but said it was optimistic about returning to operational profitability. Reuters

Japanese consortium submits bid to buy out Toshiba Corporation

15 In $ billion (2.2 trillion yen), the total worth of the bid to buy Toshiba Corporation, submitted by a consortium of more than ten Japanese companies. The consortium, including Chubu Electric Power Co Inc and Orix Corp, appears not to have obtained letters from banks but is aiming to complete the deal by November-end if Toshiba accepts the bid. Reuters

China's exports fall in October amid domestic slowdown

0.3 The percent year-on-year by which China's exports shrank in October, the first such decline since mid-2020. Year-on-year imports were down 0.7% in October, negative for the first time since March this year. The slowdown in trade comes as global demand for Chinese products weaken, with energy prices soaring and the U.S. facing the threat of recession. AFP

Emirates NBD invests more in India, opens two more branches

100 In $ million, the amount to be invested in India by UAE-based bank Emirates NBD. The bank added two more branches in Chennai and Gurugram. The lender, which has the largest presence in West Asia, has invested $300 million in the last five years. The bank is planning to add 2-3 more branches, including one in Kolkata, over the next 18 months. PTI

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The Black Sea Grain Initiative

Who facilitated the deal between Russia and Ukraine? How has it helped global food chain supplies? Did it have a role in reducing inflation and foodgrain prices? What would have happened if the initiative was suspended by Moscow?

EXPLAINER

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

In a move that allayed concerns about yet another disruption to global food supply chains, Russia last week re-joined the Black Sea Grain deal. The reversal came a day after Russian President Vladimir Putin stated that Moscow would suspend, but not end, its involvement in the deal. "The Russian Federation believes that the guarantees it has received currently appear sufficient, and resumes the implementation of the agreement," news agency *Associated Press* quoted the Russian Defence Ministry as saying. It added that the mediation of the United Nations and Turkey had secured the continued cooperation.

What is the Black Sea Grain Initiative?

The Black Sea Grain deal endeavours to tackle escalating food prices emanating from supply chain disruptions because of Russia's actions in the world's 'breadbasket'. The deal, brokered by the UN and Turkey, was signed in Istanbul on July 22 this year. Initially stipulated for a period of 120 days, with an option to extend or terminate after November, the deal was to provide for a safe maritime humanitarian corridor for Ukrainian exports (particularly for food grains) from three of its key ports, namely, Chornomorsk, Odesa and Yuzhny/Pivdennyi. The central idea was to calm markets by ensuring an adequate supply of grains, thereby limiting food price inflation.

Ukraine is among the largest exporters of wheat, maize, rapeseed, sunflower seeds and sunflower oil, globally. Its access to the deep-sea ports in the Black Sea enables it to directly approach Russia and Europe along with grain importers from West Asia and North Africa. Russia's actions in the East European country had disturbed this route which earlier used to ship 75% of its agricultural exports – precisely what the initiative sought to address.

Foodgrain blockade: A truck is seen at a grain terminal in Ukraine on June 23. REUTERS

Why is it important?

As per the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, approximately 10.1 million tonnes of grains have been shipped since the initiative commenced. The UN Food and Agricultural Organisation's (FAO) Food Price Index, which assesses the monthly change in international prices of a basket of food commodities, fell for the sixth consecutive month in a row during the September assessment period. It was earlier inferred that the supply situation in markets was seen to be easing, with potential for further price drops. People hoarding the grain in the hope of selling it for a sizeable profit owing to the supply crunch were obligated to sell. The initiative has also been credited for having made a "huge difference" to the global cost of living crisis.

About 44% of the shipments, which include corn, wheat, rapeseed, and sunflower oil among others, reached high-income countries (including Spain, Netherlands and Italy among others), 28% reached low and lower-middle-income countries (Egypt, Iran, Sudan and Kenya among others) and 27% reached upper-middle income countries (China and Bulgaria among others).

As pointed out by several observers, notwithstanding its reach, the initiative alone cannot address global hunger; it can only avert the chances of the global food crisis spiralling further, especially when the region is yet to scale prior year levels.

What would have happened if the deal was suspended?

In a nutshell, the deal's suspension was expected to re-introduce the price pressures on foodgrains, especially that of wheat, with inventories being at historical lows. It could have particularly impacted countries in West Asia and Africa such as Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon, Sudan and Yemen which have benefitted from the resumption and are particularly dependent on Russian and Ukrainian exports.

Joseph Glauber and David Laborde, senior Fellows at the International Food Policy and Research Institute (IFPRI), had observed, "Not only are those countries more dependent on Ukraine as a supplier of wheat and other grains, they tend to buy more during the winter to supplement their own harvests, which are largely consumed by the end of the year." Thus, according to them, the suspension could have spurred food insecurity as well as potentially exacerbated political tensions.

As for domestic challenges, the researchers observe that storage facilities in Ukraine are already at capacity even as farmers turn to harvest the crops planted in spring. This, combined with restricted export opportunities, would have implied lower prices for farmers even as shortfalls spur prices globally.

THE GIST

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Are Twitter users leaving the platform for Mastodon?

How different is the 'largest decentralised social network on the Internet' from Elon Musk-owned Twitter? Has the platform recently registered an increase in monthly users?

Sahana Venugopal

The story so far:

Twitter's new CEO Elon Musk's plans for the social media app have raised a series of concerns about paid verified accounts, increased spread of misinformation, and advertising on the platform. Some Twitter users who are worried that Musk's free speech ideals will lead to more online abuse have started leaving the platform. As they search for alternatives, Mastodon, which claims to be the "largest decentralised social network on the Internet," stands out.

What is Mastodon?

Founded by developer Eugen Rochko, Mastodon was released in 2016. The social media platform's main appeal was that it was decentralised, open source, and represented a vision of what its founder wanted Twitter to be. Rather than being controlled by a CEO or a centralised moderation team, Mastodon users pick "servers" which host their data and let them access the same platform.

Servers are organised by general or specific topics, including "LGBTQ+," and "Activism". Some are open to join while others require users to get on a waitlist. Anyone can submit a server for consideration, as long as it is in the ambit of Mastodon's rules. The platform is ad-free and has its timeline arranged in chronological order, rather than relying on an algorithm like Twitter did.

How similar is Mastodon to Twitter?

Mastodon users send "toots" that can be up to 500 characters in length. Users have their own handles and can share media, re-share toots, favourite them, and bookmark them. However, Mastodon's relatively tiny user pool has discouraged people from joining. They are also concerned about the complicated server structure and a social media set-up that looks more fragmented when compared to Twitter. Furthermore, there are complaints about user experience and overloaded servers.

Are people using Mastodon?

Mastodon tweeted on Thursday that over 2,30,000 users had switched to its platform and that old accounts were being re-activated. There was a 71% increase in monthly active users on November 5, according to its website. Servers were also up by 17%, totalling more than 3,000 in number.

Mastodon still has a long way to go to catch up to Twitter, which has millions of monthly active users, many of whom are monetisable. Some of Mastodon's early adopters include activists, journalists, and researchers who wanted a Twitter-like experience but one that was less toxic.

However, the platform faced challenges that it could not fully control. In 2019, the far-right social media community Gab used Mastodon's code to build its own network. Mastodon slammed Gab for its views and distanced itself, but admitted that it cannot choose who would use its software. This raises the question of whether advertisers, brands, and promotional accounts will look at Mastodon as a Twitter replacement.

What is the Indian connection?

In late 2019, several anti-caste activists and accounts claimed that Twitter censored accounts belonging to marginalised caste and tribe users, and did not take measures to stop those spreading casteist abuse. Twitter India addressed what it called a "perceived bias" in a statement but claimed it was impartial. Several Indian Twitter users suggested a shift to Mastodon, believing it might take stronger action against caste discrimination and trolls. Around the same time, Mr. Rochko announced that Mastodon was adding "casteism and advocation of casteism" to its extremely prohibited offences list. However, the Indian migration from Twitter to Mastodon has not been impactful.

THE GIST

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Woman caught while trying to steal gold ring from shop

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An alert jewellery shop owner caught a 34-year-old woman red-handed while she was trying to steal a gold ring. Nadiya Rajesh, posing as a customer, visited Mahaveer Jewelers in Yeshwanthpura a few months ago and stole 20 grams of gold valuables worth ₹1 lakh.

Shop owner Vishal Kumar Sha realised what had happened and alerted the staff.

A few days ago, Nadiya visited the shop again on the pretext of buying a gold ring for babies and stole one after diverting the attention of the counter salesman. But the staff identified her since they had watched the CCTV footage of the previous offence.

As she was about to leave the shop without buying anything, they confronted her and alerted the police who rushed to the spot and arrested her.

A detailed inquiry by Inspector Suresh K. revealed that the accused was involved in four such theft cases. Based on information, the police recovered 63.9 grams of gold valuables worth ₹3.2 lakh from her.

The accused is a habitual offender and reportedly confessed that she would steal small amounts of gold from jewellery shops.

However, the shop owners often ignored the thefts and did not file complaints with the police which encouraged her to steal more.

The accused also confessed that she would move around in crowded public places to identify vulnerable senior citizens travelling alone. She would travel with them to steal their valuables. The police are further investigating to ascertain her criminal background.

Meeting of CBCI begins

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 35th general body meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) was announced here on Sunday and will go on till November 11. The assembly of over 200 Bishops will discuss the theme of 'Synodality: The Call to be a Synodal Church'.

"All the dioceses in the country have gone through the process of discussing Synodality from the grassroots level. New ways have been discussed and are being implemented as to how all sections of the parish and diocese can be involved in walking together for one mission of Christ. Workshops too will be held," stated a release.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (November 8, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- Pathetic fallacy: a history of one of the most commonly used literary devices **bit.ly/fallacypathetic**

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ED files prosecution complaint against city-based tech firm

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Officials of the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on Monday filed a prosecution complaint against AGS Infotech Private Limited and its Director G. Dhananjaya Reddy before the Principal City Civil and Sessions Special Court, Bengaluru, under PMLA.

According to an official release, the ED initiated money-laundering investigation on the basis of a criminal case registered by the CBI, Bengaluru, against the Director of AGS Infotech Ltd. and others for cheating United Bank of India to the tune of ₹23.73 crore by availing the loan in a fraudulent manner.

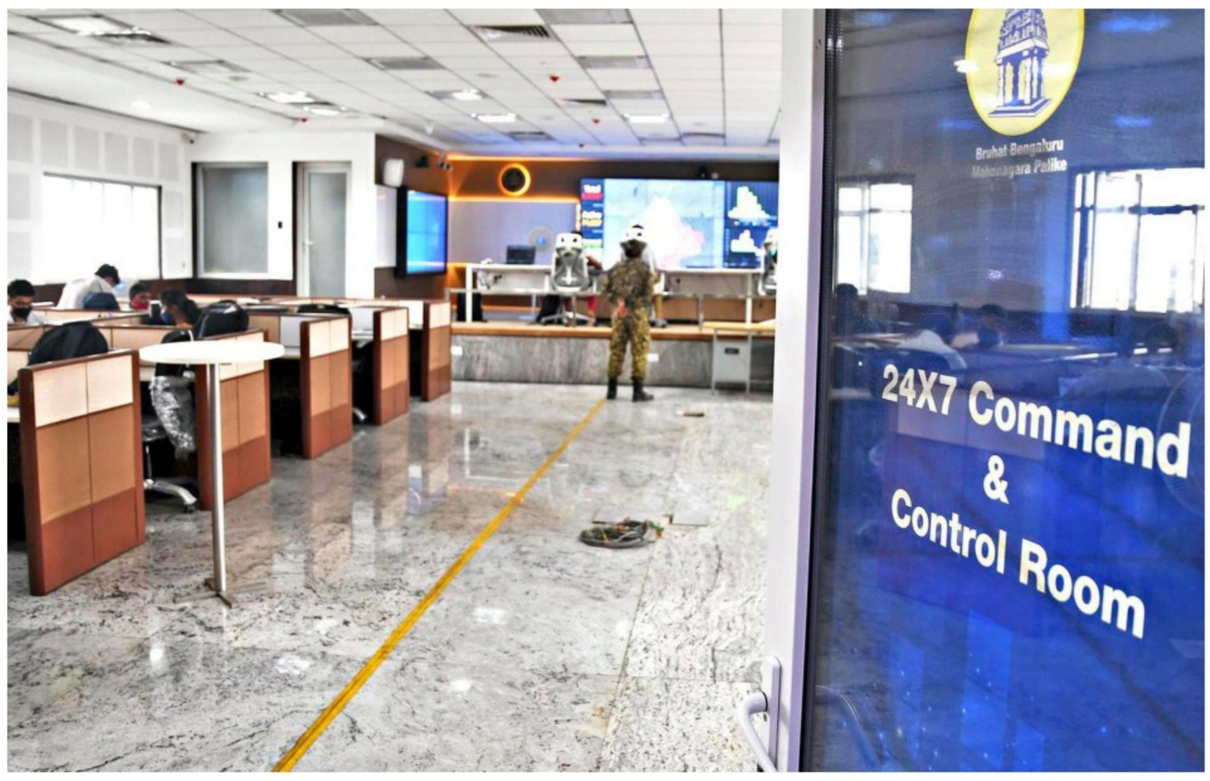
Investigation revealed that Reddy and others cheated the United Bank of India by creating collateral security on the basis of fabricated documents and diverted the loan for purposes other than for which it was sanctioned.

According to the police, Reddy is a habitual offender and is the mastermind behind two other bank frauds.

He was also arrested by the ED earlier.

BBMP's central clinical command centre to be launched soon

It will provide virtual medical consultation, especially of specialists like cardiologists and nephrologists, among others, in various primary health centres and referral hospitals under BBMP



The integrated command centre, which had been established for COVID-19 management, will be used to integrate all the existing health infrastructure in the BBMP. FILE PHOTO

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), along with Bengaluru Smart City Ltd. (BSCL), is setting up the central clinical command centre to provide virtual medical consultation, especially of specialists like cardiologists, nephrologists, among others, in various primary health centres (PHCs) and referral hospitals under the BBMP.

The BBMP recently invited applications from eligible doctors to work in the smart clinics. Though announced in 2020, not much headway has been made. But officials said now the preparation is going on and it will be launched soon.

According to officials, the smart clinics will have several digital interventions, including online consultations, three-way counselling/consultations between specialists, PHC doctors and patients, and creating of a digital database with complete data of the patients visiting the PHCs. Estimated around 17 lakh citizens, especially those belonging to lower socio-economic groups, visit the 141 PHCs, six referrals, and around 30 maternity hospitals in the city. With the lack of specialists, many are forced to visit private hospitals.

"The smart clinics will be operational soon. This command centre will be open round-the-clock and audio-visual consultations with specialists from all fields will be available for online consultation," explained a BBMP health department official.

"The integrated command centre, which had been established for COVID-19 management, would be used to integrate all the existing health infrastructure in the BBMP," the official added.

The State Cabinet this July approved the establishment of 438 namma clinics across urban local bodies, including Bengaluru City Corporation wards, as per the State Budget.

These clinics will provide services for the detection of non-communicable diseases and referral for higher treatment to specialists. All wards of the BBMP will have at least one clinic. They will be modelled on the lines of the Union government's health and wellness centres.

Civic work affects daily commute in Indiranagar

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's white-topping work and also the sewerage system work are going on in Indiranagar.
BHARATH GOWDA B.R.

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BENGALURU

Civic works under way on both arterial roads [the 100 Feet Road and the Chinmaya Mission Hospital (CMH) Road] are causing a lot of inconvenience for commuting, as well as affecting shopkeepers in their business.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is conducting white-topping work in the area and sewerage system work is also going on.

"The palike has started white-topping even though the stretch was in a good condition. The work is in progress for the past six months and it is causing chaos. All the roads have been left incomplete without proper siding and white-topping and it is causing a lot of traffic snarls. This being the main road, during emergency hours even ambulances cannot pass through," said Gautham Udupa, resident of Indiranagar.

Several residents also said that the redevelopment project is a waste of public funds. Ever since the roads were dug for white-topping and laying of the sewerage system, residents had to bear dug-up trenches, pollution, and heaps of construction material and construction vehicles by the roadside. They also allege that the BBMP is not paying enough attention to their plight as they have been forced to park their vehicles elsewhere and walk to their houses.

Parking seems to be the common woe for both residents and traders. Julie, sales manager at a dessert shop, said: "There is no space for parking outside the shop and potential customers, seeing the dug pavements in front of shop, tend to not come. It is affecting our business."

S. Raghu, local MLA, promised the work will get over soon, as the major portions are already completed. "The police were not giving permission to impose traffic restrictions, So the work got delayed. As much as 70% of the work is already done, and within 10 days the laying of sewerage system will be done," he told *The Hindu*.

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My client **Prakash. M.** is intending to purchase the Immovable Property bearing VACANT Site No. 16, PID No. 3204190009, Layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at J.P. Nagar VII Block, IX Phase, Bangalore, which is more fully described in the Schedule hereunder and herein after referred to as Schedule Property.

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that if any person/s has/have any objection/s for the purchase of the Schedule Property or have any right, title, interest or claim/s over the Schedule Property or any part thereof, they are hereby requested to lodge their written objections/claims together with supporting documentary proof to the undersigned ***within Fifteen (15) days*** from the date of publication of this notice.

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Sd/-
S. D. Ashwath *B.A., LL.B.,* **Advocate**
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Mob: 09449656598

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BE KNOWN TO ALL that my client **SMT.MANASI GAJANAN MODAK and SRI PAVAN KUMAR.T.V,** intend to purchase the residential site No.33, in Canara Bank Colony, having Village Panchayat Katha No. 110/33 and old Khata No.565 new BBMP Katha No.318/328/33/309, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 2400 Sq feet, with 1 Sq Mangalore tile roof house situated at: **Chikkalasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** Bangalore, which bounded on the **East by:** Site No.34, **West by:** Site No.32, **North by:** Site No.20, **South by:** Road, from its owner **Smt.V.S.Malini Venkataraman,** If any person entity has any claim/objection in the matter of the intended sale of the said property or any part, thereof, such a person submit his/her claim/objection with documentary proof thereof to the undersigned in writing within **(07) days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there is no claims/objections and our client shall proceed with the purchase of the said site from the owner.

K.V. PREMA THULSIKRISHNA
B.A.L.L.B., **Advocate**
(Roll No. KAR/943/2000, Dt: 07/04/2000)
No.25, D.M.Chambers, BEML Lyt, 3rd Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-98. M: 9886628658

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE KNOWN TO ALL that my client **SMT.MANASI GAJANAN MODAK and SRI PAVAN KUMAR.T.V,** intend to purchase the residential site No.32, in Canara Bank Colony, having Village Panchayat Katha No. 110/32 and old Khata No.566 (new BBMP Katha No.317/327/32/307/299, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 2400 Sq feet, with 1 Sq Mangalore tile roof house situated at: **Chikkalasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** which bounded on the **East by:** Site No.33, **West by:** Site No 31, **North by:** Site No.21, **South by:** Road, from its owner **Sri Venkataraman Chelekara Balasubramanian,** If any person entity has any claim/objection in the matter of the intended sale of the said property or any part, thereof, such a person submit his/her claim/objection with documentary proof thereof to the undersigned in writing within **(07) days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there is no claims/objections and our client shall proceed with the purchase of the said site from the owner.

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This Notice is issued on behalf of My clients **Mrs.Meera.K.R W/o Mr.G.K.Manjunath** to bring the notice of the general public that they are intend to purchase the below schedule property from **Sri.Chandre Gowda.V S/o Late Venkateshappa** and **Smt.Sunita.A W/o Sri.Chandre Gowda.**

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All the piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing **Corner Site No.590,** (formed in Sy.No.35 of Mallathahalli Village), formed by BDA, Situated at 9th Block, Sir.M.Visveshwaraiah Layout, Bangalore, Measuring :East to West 13.50+16.40/2Mtrs., and North to South 12.00Mtrs, in all measuring 179.40 Sq.Mtrs., and bounded by: **East by: Road, West by: Site No.589, North by: Site No.626, South by : Road.**

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I, ALISHA daughter of No.JC414269Y, Rank: Sub, Name Dhane Santosh Namdev, residing at 2 Para (SF), Old Military Dairy Farm, Hebbal, Bangalore-560092 have changed my name from Alisha to Alisha Santosh Dhane vide affidavit dated 04-11-2022 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

I, DIVYA B alias Divya Baskar, alias Sridivya B, D/o Baskar VS, R/o T–3, PSR Residency–2, 33, 5th Main, Krishnappa Block, Ganga Bakery, Ganganagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka 560032, have changed my name to Jack deNeel Sparrow for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 3/11/2022 sworn before VI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. I declare that I have changed only my name and not my religion.

I, ZAINAB, Resident of # 42 Amarjyothi layout chamundeshwari temple road Ashwath nagar Thanisandra Bangalore North Bangalore -560077 , Have changed my name from Zaimnab to Zainab date of birth 05-05-1999.Vide Affidavit dated 21-09-2022 Notary D S Chandrakanth, Bangalore

I, SUMA, Legal Wife of No.13623677P, Ex-HAV, Kalepalle Guna Sekher, presently residing at Bodapur Village, Varathuru Post, Gangadhara Nellore Mandal, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh State, Pin: 517421 have changed my name from Suma to Arava Suma and my Date of Birth to be corrected from 10/03/1988 to 25/07/1991 vide affidavit dated: 04/11/2022 before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru

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I, No.JC414269Y, Rank: Sub, Name Dhane Santosh Namdev, residing at 2 Para (SF), Old Military Dairy Farm, Hebbal, Bangalore-560092 have changed my son's name from Abhishek to Abhishek Dhane vide affidavit dated 04-11-2022 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

O.S. No. 1376/1989
BEFORE THE HON'BLE III ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC COURT, HUBBALLI
Sri Veerayya S/o. Veerabasayya Kochalapuramath, since deceased by his LRS Plaintiff
V/s.
Basanagouda S/o. Hanamanthagouda Rayanagoudar and another Defendants
Defendant No. 1 (a) Yallappa S/o. Basanagouda S/o. Rayanagoudar, Age: 65 years, Occ.: Agriculture, R/o. Haliyal Village, Hubballi, Dist. Dharwad
Defendant No. 1 (b) Smt. Geeta W/o. Basavaraj Biradar Age: 60 years, Occ : Homemaker, R/o. Haliyal Village, Hubballi, Dist. Dharwad
NOTICE UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (1-A) OF C.P.C.
That, the above said suit is filed by the Plaintiffs against you and another defendant for specific performance of registered agreement to sell with respect to the suit property, and next date of hearing is fixed on 21-11-2022 and you defendant No. 1(a) and 1(b) are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on 21-11-2022 in person or through your advocate, at 10.45 am and file written statement if any, if you remained absent on given date, the matter will be proceeded against you on merits as per law.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 5th day of November 2022.
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Pathetic fallacy: a history of one of the most commonly used literary devices

The concept was useful in articulating the relationship between 'truth' as rendered by science, which is objective and factual, and 'truth' as expressed in art, which is subject to the particular experience of the human subject

G. Sampath

We sometimes come across, in a poem or a novel, descriptions of nature that are not, strictly speaking, accurate. We may have read of flowers 'dancing happily' in the breeze or 'angry waves' smashing themselves against rocks, or the wind 'whispering' to the trees. It is an indisputable scientific fact that a flower doesn't have the skill set or the agency to start dancing. Whatever atrocity you may commit on a wave, it won't get angry at you. As for the wind, it doesn't have the consciousness to think of anything to say, let alone 'whisper', to anyone.

And yet, when we read such descriptions, we don't feel like calling out the author for writing a falsehood. We don't think: What nonsense is this? How can a wave be angry? That's because these descriptions – although false at the level of objective reality – could also be true in the literary context in which they appear. The author is seeking to convey, through these falsehoods, an emotional truth concerning the state of mind of a character or narrator.

The origins of the term

Let's say a character is over the moon because she has heard some fantastic news. Instead of saying 'she was happy' – which is boring – the writer might try to convey her joy by other means, such as making the flowers in her garden 'dance happily'. When a person is in a heightened state of emotion, their impression of the world tends to get coloured by the emotion they are feeling. For the poet or fiction writer, attributing human emotion, motive or capabilities to nature or inanimate objects is a handy way to evoke a particular emotion in the reader's consciousness and thereby build empathy for the character in question. In literary criticism, the name for such figurative use of language is 'pathetic fallacy'. It is 'pathetic' because it is used to evoke 'pathos' or deep feeling – the word 'pathetic' comes from the Greek word 'pathetikos' which means 'capable of feeling'. And it is a 'fallacy' because inanimate objects are not, in actuality, 'capable of feeling'. The use of pathetic fallacy as a rhetorical device is common in all forms of literature. The term is used more or less in a neutral sense in literary criticism today. But that was not always the case.

Ruskin's objections

It was the Victorian era English writer, art critic and philosopher John Ruskin who first coined the term in the third volume (1856) of his monumental work *Modern Painters*. He did not mean it in a complimentary sense. According to the American literary M.H. Abrams, for Ruskin, truth was a "primary criterion of art". Descriptions that deploy pathetic fallacy did not represent the "true appearances of things" but, in Ruskin's words, the "extraordinary, or false appearances, when we are under the influence of emotion or contemplative fancy". Ruskin's famous example to demonstrate what he meant by 'pathetic fallacy' are the lines,

"The spendthrift crocus, bursting through the mould

Naked and shivering, with his cup of gold."

These lines are "very beautiful," admits Ruskin, but also "very untrue. The crocus is not a spendthrift, but a hardy plant; its yellow is not gold, but saffron."

He also takes up the following lines from the English Romantic poet Samuel Coleridge:

"The one red leaf, the last of its clan

That dances as often as it can."

Again, they are beautiful, Ruskin concedes, but he also finds them to contain "morbid, that is to say, a so far false, idea about the leaf: he fancies a life in it, and will, which there are not; confuses its powerlessness with choice, its fading death with merriment, and the wind that shakes it with music".

A reaction to the Romantics

Ruskin was writing in the slipstream of, and in reaction to, the great Romantic poets – William Blake, William Wordsworth, Percy Bysshe Shelley, John Keats, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Lord Byron – whose literary credo placed emotion at the heart of artistic creation. Wordsworth famously defined poetry as "the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings". Ruskin believed that this obsession with feeling – in the hands of lesser talents – often led to excessive sentimentality at the expense of truth. He goes on to argue that "an excited state of the feelings" renders a person temporarily irrational, making him incapable of seeing things as they are, because "they produce in us a falseness in all our impression of external things, which I would generally characterise as the 'pathetic fallacy'."

However, he also adds that "the greatest poets do not often admit this kind of falseness... it is only the second order of poets who much delight in it." He illustrates his distinction between greater and lesser poets through a comparison between some verses of Homer and the English poet Alexander Pope (1688-1744), noting that the greatest poets are sensitive to the factual aspects of nature even in the context of high emotion, resorting to humanisation only in the rarest of cases where it would be "inhuman" to resist the pressure of passion.

These distinctions gained significance in debates then raging about the role and function of art. Pathetic fallacy as a concept became particularly useful in articulating the relationship between 'truth' as rendered by science (reality as it objectively is) and 'truth' as expressed in art (reality as experienced by a human subject or consciousness).

THE DAILY QUIZ

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November 8, 2022, is the 553rd birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the first Sikh Guru. A quiz on Guru Nanak and Sikhism on the occasion of Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurpurab

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
Why did Mehta Kalu and Tripta name their son Nanak?

QUESTION 2
After his marriage in 1485, what job did Nanak take up in the court of Daulat Khan Lodi?

QUESTION 3
Name the Muslim friend and follower who accompanied Nanak, when the latter left home to spread his message of love and service. What instrument did he play?

QUESTION 4
What name was given by Guru Nanak to his successor who was called Lehna?

QUESTION 5
According to Sikh hagiography, what happened to Guru Nanak's body after his passing in 1539?

QUESTION 6
If Nanak was the first Guru, who was the last human Sikh Guru?

QUESTION 7
What connects Bhai Daya Ram Ji, Bhai Dharam Chand Ji, Bhai Himmat Rai Ji, Bhai Mohkam Chand Ji, and Bhai Sahib Chand Ji?

Visual question:
Name this Gurudwara in Pakistan located on the site where Guru Nanak settled and assembled the Sikh community and lived for 18 years until his death. PTI

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This London-returned character's oft used catchphrase in this film is "Catch my point?". **Ans: Madanagopal alias Madan in *Michael Madana Kamarajan***
2. This character is a communist activist in this Tamil film directed by C Sundar. **Ans: Nallasivam in *Anbe Sivam***
3. This character suffers from several phobias, largely due to trauma suffered in the civil war in Sri Lanka. **Ans: Tenali Soman in *Tenali***
4. This Kamal Haasan character based on this real life personality has some inspirations from *The Godfather*. **Ans: Sakthivel "Velu" Naicker, Varadarajan Mudaliar in *Nayagan***
5. The ability the character Janardhanan had in this K. Balachander film. **Ans: Ventriloquism in *Avargal***
Visual: This character is a R&AW official. **Ans: Balram Naidu from *Dasavatharam***

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Sir, what is the meaning of 'last but not the least'?

"When you mention a lot of things and when you come to the last one, sometimes you use this expression, it means that though it is mentioned last, it is as important as the other things mentioned. Because it is mentioned last it should not be thought that it is least important.

Last but not least, I should like to thank the Vice-Chancellor for accommodating us in the hostel.

Please note that the expression is 'last but not least'. There is no 'the' before least."

"Sir, what's the difference between 'He has been active all his life' and 'He was active all his life?"

"He has been active all his life 'means that he is a) alive b) that he started being active and continues to be active even now. 'He was active all his life' means that a) he is dead b) that he was active throughout his life.

He has been a liar all his life. He was a liar all his life.

He has been foolish all his life. He was foolish all his life."

"How do you pronounce 'infinite', sir?"

"The first 'i' in the word is pronounced like the 'i' in 'fill'. The second 'i' is pronounced like the 'i' in 'bill' by some and like the last sound in 'China' by some others. The third 'i' is pronounced like the 'i' in 'bill' by some and like the last sound in 'China' by some others. You choose what you like. You will find these differences when you refer to dictionaries. All dictionaries are agreed only on the pronunciation of the first 'i' in the word. That is, it should be pronounced like the 'i' in 'fill'. On the other two 'i's there is disagreement. But the disagreements are not infinite! The word 'finite' is pronounced differently. The two 'i's in 'finite' are pronounced like the 'i' in 'find', 'mind' and 'bind'. The final 'e' is silent like the final 'e' in 'infinite'. So keep in mind the difference in pronunciation."

"Sir, Mr. S. P. Sankaranarayan of Bombay wants to know whether one should say 'with the compliments' or 'with the compliments from'. Which is correct, sir?"

" 'With the compliments of' is the usual expression. Please note the spelling of 'compliment'. There is an 'i' in the middle. There is another word 'comple ment' which means 'something that makes complete or perfect'. Let's stop on this perfect note. Goodbye."

"Thank you Sir, Goodbye."

Word of the day

Riposte:
a quick reply to a question or remark

Synonyms: replication, retort, counter, return, comeback, rejoinder

Usage:
She always had a witty riposte to any mean-spirited comments.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/ripostepro

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HC to hear on Nov. 16 plea seeking modification of interim order on auto fares

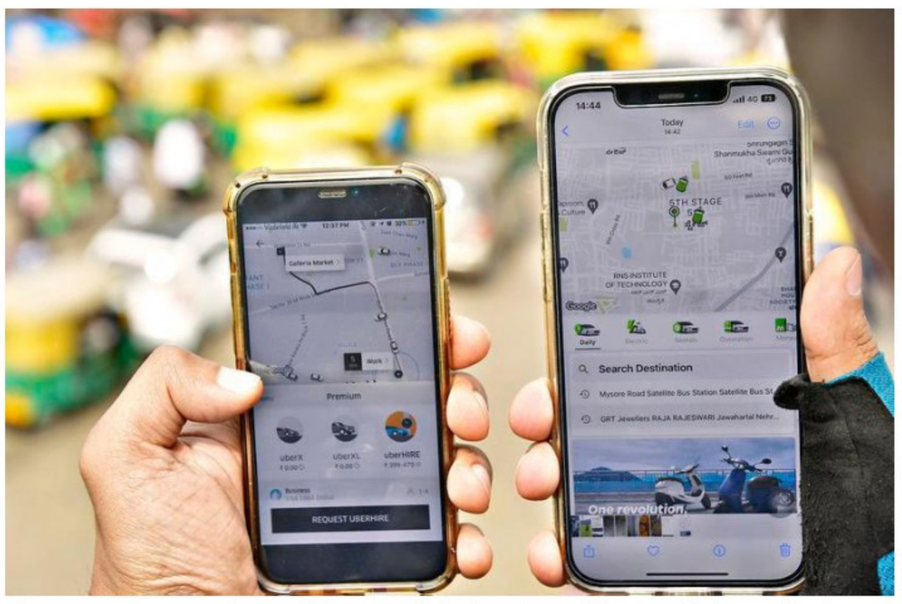
Petitioner-aggregators have sought permission to levy service charges and fares in terms of the MVAG-2020 till the State government comes out with its own regulation on fares

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka will hear on November 16 an application filed by the transport technology aggregators [Ola, Uber, and Rapido], seeking modification of the court's interim order allowing them to levy only 10% additional charge over and above the fares fixed by the State government and the applicable GST for allowing autorickshaw service platform.

Justice C.M. Poonacha, before whom the petitions came up for hearing on Monday, said that he will hear the pleas on November 16, while asking the government to file its statement of objection.

The aggregators have sought for modification of the October 14 interim order as the State government has now requested the court to grant four more weeks to formulate a fare regulation.



The transport aggregators have said they are suffering losses in providing autorickshaw services by collecting only 10% additional charges. FILE PHOTO

The government on October 14 assured the court that it would formulate within 15 days a fare regulation keeping in mind the Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines (MVAG), 2020 notified by the Central government.

The petitioner-aggregators have sought permission to levy service charges and fares in terms of the MVAG-2020 till the State government comes out with its own regulation on fares and pointed out that they are suffering losses in providing autorickshaw services by collecting only 10% additional charges.

While adjourning the hearing, the court granted four weeks to the State government to arrive at an amicable solution and formulate fare regulation as the government has already initiated talks with the stakeholders.

AI-based corporate wellness platform developed to deal with stress and anxiety

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

Constant stress and anxiety have become the new normal, especially in the COVID-19 era. It spares no one, be it the experienced workforce or the newbies.

In order to cope with stress, anxiety, and improve the physical as well as mental well being of employees, companies are seeking help from professionals for therapy in various forms including yoga. However to have a professional to be in person and oversee the therapy is not always possible when the workforce is scattered.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) could be a solution to address this and a start-up, part of the ARTPARKs ignite programme founded by S.N. Omkar from the Department of Aerospace, IISc., and Dhruv Shindhe, has come up with an AI-based corporate wellness platform.

This AI corporate wellness platform, Kreeda.ai, will be put through a pilot study involving a small pool of employees belonging to a Bengaluru-based Defence PSU.

"We have built an AI corporate wellness platform, which will look after the physical and the mental wellbeing of employees and this will explore physical fitness, anxiety, stress levels and tell the HR and the management about the status of their employees," said Mr. Shindhe.

Employees will have to fill out a questionnaire to know about their mental and physical wellbeing and then they will be given a curriculum to improve it.

"Our platform will encompass AI-based yogasanas that will drive the employees to perform yogasanas daily and will also make sure they are doing it properly," he said.

He added that the platform incorporates mindfulness techniques based on cognitive behaviour therapy. "It has been scientifically recorded that doing them daily does reduce anxiety and stress," he added.

Kreeda.ai has also built a mental health chat bot, which will interact with employees and help them out if they are in a stressed out situation.

State quota of medical seats increased by 897

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka's share of undergraduate medical (MBBS) and dental (BDS) courses seats for 2022-23 has increased by 897. In 2021-22 the State had 10,145 MBBS and BDS seats and this year it is 11,042.

The Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has announced the UG-NEET-2022 seat matrix for the undergraduate medical and dental courses. Out of the 11,042 seats, there are 8,232 MBBS and 2,810 dental seats.

Medical and dental courses seat matrix

Category	MBBS	BDS
Govt., General	3,494	707
Kalyana-Karnataka	939	192
Special category	302	70
Private quota	2,488	1,305
NRI quota	761	403
Other quota	248	133
Total	8,232	2,810

This year, the National Medical Commission (NMC) gave approval for three new government medical colleges in Haveri, Yadgir, and Chikkamagaluru with 150 MBBS seats each.

The NMC has also approved Siddaganga Medical College and Research Institute, with 150 medical seats. The Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Ballari, has been permitted to increase the number of seats from 150 to 200 and other medical colleges also have got permission to increase their seats.

Therefore, the KEA has extended the option entry for UGNEET-2022 till November 8, 10 a.m.

High Court to hear maintainability of plea questioning appointment of Vidyashankar as VTU Vice-Chancellor

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday adjourned till December 2 the hearing on maintainability of a PIL petition, which had questioned legality of appointment of S. Vidyashankar as Vice-Chancellor of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi adjourned hearing on the petition, filed by B. Shivaraj, a retired professor and former acting vice-chancellor of University of Mysore.

The Bench said that it will hear whether the petition is maintainable after the government advocate raised preliminary objection for considering the petition while pointing out that a PIL is not maintainable in law on the service matter like appointments as the petitioner was not a contender for the post and hence he cannot be not an aggrieved person to challenge the appointment as per apex court's verdicts.

It has been contended in the petition that the search committee, set up to recommend three names for V-C post of the VTU, was illegal as the committee had no nomination of the University Grants Commission as per the norms.

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Lokayukta traps SDA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Lokayukta officials on Monday trapped a Second Division Assistant (SDA) of the Food Safety and Standards Department red-handed while receiving a bribe from a contractor.

The accused, Shashikumar, had allegedly demanded ₹5,000 from the contractor Vinay, who had supplied an AC to the office and submitted the bill.

Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, NOV. 08	
RISE 06:15	SET 17:51
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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 09	
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RISE 18:33	SET 06:49
THURSDAY, NOV. 10	
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RISE 19:20	SET 07:42

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	22
Mysuru	31	20
Bengaluru	29	19

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be slight cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C A dry weather to prevail. Day will be comfortable. Night will be slight cool and hazy.

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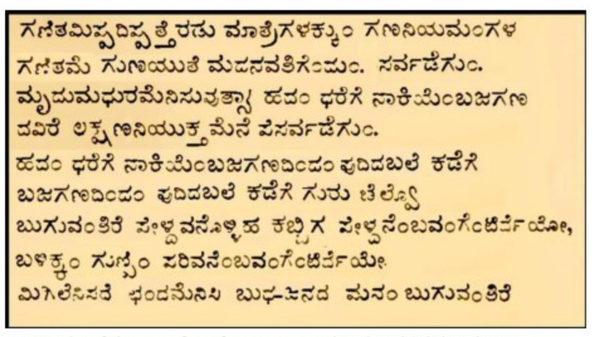
Old Kannada typeface digitally recreated

Used by Indologist Rev. Ferdinand Kittel, it will be released on an open source platform

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

A documentary filmmaker working on a film on Rev. Ferdinand Kittel, an Indologist famous for working on the first Kannada dictionary, got fascinated with typefaces of the books he published in the 19th Century and has now digitally recreated one of those fonts for Kannada. Named the Kittel font, it will be released on an open source platform.

Filmmaker Prashanth Pandit embarked on research for his film on Rev. Kittel in 2020, but the COVID-19 lockdown derailed his works. "As part of my research, I visited the Balmatta Institute of Printing Technology, where the Basel Mission Press, the first printing press of the region where Rev. Kittel did his pioneering work, once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A sample of the typeface from a 1860s book, which has been recreated as a digital font. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

stood. There are several century old printing machines, foundry and typefaces lying there, which fascinated me and I thought it would be nice if these fonts which are aesthetically very pleasing were available digitally today," Mr. Pandit explained the genesis of the project.

He soon collected a host of books published by Basel Mission Press, which included several theological works, Kannada textbooks, dictionaries, pamphlets among other works from the 1860s to 1925 and was fascinated by the varied typefaces during this period. Mr. Pandit, who has a background in Indic computing, soon got together with two of his friends and took to digitally recreating one of the fonts.

The process

"We had to find all the letters of the Kannada alphabet with all its kagunita in these books, scan each of them and then recreate them digitally. We wouldn't find all the letters in one book. So we searched and scanned many books to create a corpus of all possible letters, following which we recreated the font," Mr. Pandit explained.

The Kittel font, that will be released on Sunday, is just one of the fonts used during the 1860-1925 period. Sanchi, a collective working for documentation of Kannada heritage in the digital space, has now taken up the project to revive other fonts. "We have now pooled up over 2,000 books from the period and are studying them to learn how Kannada typefaces have changed during the period. We have documented them and selected a few fonts to be revived digitally," said Om Shivaprakash of Sanchi.

Trial run of Vande Bharat train between Chennai and Mysuru goes off smoothly

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The trial run of the first Vande Bharat Express train of south India, on the Chennai-Bengaluru-Mysuru route, took place on Monday.

The train will be flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Bengaluru on November 11.

Senior officials from Southern Railway and South Western Railway were on board the train, along with technical staff who were monitoring various parameters all through the journey. B.G. Mallya, General Manager, Southern Railway, and Sanjeev Kishore, GM, South Western Railway travelled on the train during the trial run. The train departed from Chennai at 5.50 a.m. and reached Mysuru at 12.13 p.m., according to officials in the Mysuru divisional railway office.

Loco pilots and other staff on board the Vande Bharat trial run checking various parameters at Mysuru railway station on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Between Bengaluru and Mysuru, the train clocked 100 kmph, which is the maximum permissible speed on this section, while it reached 110 kmph between Bengaluru and Jolarpettai in Tamil Nadu.

The trial went off without a hitch, and the ride was smooth, according to the officials. Vande Bharat Express would be an additional train between Mysuru and Chennai.

This train will be part of 75 Vande Bharat Express trains expected to be running all across India by the end of 2023.

The indigenous rake is manufactured by the Integral Coach Factory at Perambur in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

The seating composition will be chair car and executive chair car. The fully air-conditioned train has sliding doors, CCTV cameras, and comfortable reclining seats. In addition, there are a slew of features for passenger comfort, including photocatalytic ultraviolet air purification system.

At present, Shatabdi Express is the fastest train between Mysuru and Chennai, but the Vande Bharat Express is expected to reduce the journey time besides offering greater levels of comfort for passengers.

Gang involved in mobile robbery cases held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Madiwala police on Monday arrested a gang of four who were involved in over 60 mobile phone robbery cases in and around the South East division.

The accused Syed Firoz, Shabbir Ahmed, Tufail and Barkath are high school dropouts who used to move around the residential area and snatch mobile phones from people talking on the phones while walking. They would then remove the SIM cards and sell the phones to people on the road at throwaway prices. The even sold some of the expensive phones on commercial websites. Following a series of robberies, a police team tracked down the accused using technical evidence gathered. Based on their confession, the police recovered 60 mobile phones worth ₹15 lakh from them. With their arrest, the police cracked six mobile robberies and two theft cases reported in South East Division alone.

Karnataka Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board
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Ph: 080-29753354/56, E-mail: kbocwwb@karnataka.gov.in
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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Board has invited Tender (Two bid system-Technical and Financial bids) from interested Agencies for Consultancy Services - Construction Supervision and Quality Assurance for Civil Works of Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.

Tenders shall be submitted electronically through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** of the Government of Karnataka. Last date of submission of completed tenders is on **23.11.2022** up to **5:30 p.m.** For further details & information can be obtained from the Joint Secretary, KBOCWWB during office hours.

Sd/-
Joint Secretary
KB&OCWWB

DIPR/CP/LC/2971/2022-23

Applications are invited for the post of Technical Officers on deputation basis in Finance (Inspection-Technical) Department

As per Renotification No.1820379/Admn-C2/43/21/Fin. Dated 01/11/2022, applications are invited for empanelment of **Technical Officers** on deputation basis in the Finance (Inspection-Technical) Department, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. The details are published in the official website **(www.finance.kerala.gov.in)** of Finance Department. The last date for receiving the application is **30.11.2022**.

Sd/- **VIJAYASREE M.S.**
Joint Secretary (Finance)

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KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD
JALABHAVAN, No. 5 & 6, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore -29, Phone : 080-41106508 / 17, e-mail:cemkwb@gmail.com

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Electronic Procurement portal only)

Tender for the following work is invited through e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from the eligible Bidders who fulfills the qualification criteria as detailed in the Bidding document:

No. KUWSDB /TEC/CE/ TPI / 1362 /2022-23 Date : 07.11.2022

Name and description of facilities: Services for Third Party Inspection to assure the quality of materials at manufactures premises and Civil & Electromechanical works in field for Water Supply & UGD Projects anywhere in Karnataka state for Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board.
Work Indent No: KUWSDB/2022-23/OW/Work Indent 3235
E.M.D : **Rs.2,00,000/-** Tender Processing fee : **As per e-procurement portal.**

Calender of Events	
Documents will be available from	**08-11-2022 after 10:30 hours**
Last date and time for queries /Clarifications	**21-11-2022 upto 11:00 hours**
Date and time of pre bid meeting.	**21-11-2022 at 11:30 hours**
Last date and time for receipt of Tenders	**07-12-2022 upto 17:30 hours**
Date and time for opening of Technical Bid	**12-12-2022 after 11:00 hours**
Date and time for opening of Financial Bid	**Will be notified to the qualified Tenders on the e-procurement portal.**

For further details, the Office of the Chief Engineer(D&M), KUWS & D Board, Bengaluru, may please be contacted or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or e-Procurement helpdesk +91 80 46010000, +91 80 68948777, email support: support@eprochelpdesk.com.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (D&M)
KUWS&D Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/JA/2977/2022-23

Executive Engineer B.T.D.A, Dn No.2,Bagalkot
No:EE/BTDA/Dn.2/Tender-7/2022-23/ 2711 Dated:05.11.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)

Tenders are invited by the under signed for the work (Indent No:1273) on Lumsum Turnkey Bases from registered eligible contractors for the Amount to Tender is Rs.2326.74 Crores (Excluding G.S.T). The intending bidders for work details may login to e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for detailed notification and submission of the tender. The tender can be submitted till 23.11.2022 up to 3.30 PM Technical bid will be opened on 25.11.2022 at 3.30 PM. Any other details can be obtained from this office in person or over telephone number 08534-297054.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
BTDA, Division No.02 Bagalkote

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our client, Mrs. V.S. Malini Venkataraman residing at RH-603, Purva Riviera, Marathalli, Bengaluru - 560 037 has been unable to trace the original of the sale deed dated 29 March 1985 bearing document no. 8147/1984-85 registered at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk. All efforts to trace the sale deed have proved futile and it appears that the same may have been lost.

A compaint for loss of the said original sale deed has already been lodged with the Subramanyanagar Police Station, Bangalore City against which acknowledgment bearing no. 0374107/22 has been issued.

If anybody is/ are in possession of the abovementioned original sale deed or pursuant to holding such original sale deed has any claims, rights or liens, you are notified to write to the undersigned including with the details of your claims, if any at the address mentioned below within 7 (seven) days of issue of this notice failing which, it will be deemed that the said original sale deed has been lost and claims (if any) have been consciously waived for all purposes and effects.

Date : 08-11-2022
Place : Bengaluru

Mridul Kumbalath
Partner
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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A government of Karnataka Enterprises) Office of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.
No:EE/KNNL/BDN-4/PB-5/4701 Bhadra/Tender Notification No:19/2022-23: Dated: 04.11.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Percentage Tenders by e-procurement portal in the prescribed form is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from the eligible Contractor under the Head of Account 4701 Bhadra. The No. of work is 01. The approximate cost of amount put to tender is Rs.80.02 Lakhs. The amount of EMD is Rs. 1,60,500- (by e-portal) contactors can access and submission of completed e-tendering documents from 05.11.2022 to 16.11.2022 upto 17.30 hours in the website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Technical Bid will be opened on 17.11.2022 at 17.31 hours. Financial Bid will be opened on After obtaining approval of technical bid from competent authority, the financial bid will be opened. Stipulated period for completion of work 06 Months (Including monsoon).

For more conditions and details visit website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. OR at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No. 08282-271063

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement portal)

Notification No. KHB/C.E/AEF/Suryanagar 4th Phase/62/2022-23/CALL-2 Dated: 05.11.2022

Karnataka Housing Board has invited tenders through E-Procurement for appointment of Town Planning Architectural Engineering Firm (TPAEF) for the work of Composite Housing Scheme at Konasandra & Bommandahalli Villages, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk for Suryanagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru Urban District (CALL-2).

Last date for submission of bid is on 19.11.2022 up to 4.00 PM

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, 3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru Phone No. 080-22273511 / 080-22100077, website : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Special division, Shimoga
Ph: 08182-222942, E-Mail : spdivision@gmail.com

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two-cover system) (Through e-procurement)

IFT NO: 48/ 2022-23 Date : 05-11-2022

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply for **the work approved under 8443 Deposits, Construction of Road, Footpath, Boundary wall, Provisioning of Tilling, Doors, Windows and Special Repairs to PI Staff quarters of 20 Kn, Bn NCC in Shivamogga City. (Indent No. 156990) Work and in Amount put to Tender is Rs.5166734.30 lakhs and EMD amount is Rs. 1.03 Lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is 03 months including Monsoon.** The Tenderers may submit tenders through E-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz.,http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)**.The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria Specified in Clause 3 of the Section - 2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal from **05.11.2022 to 14.11.2022.** Last date for receipt of tender is on **14.11.2022 at 17.30 PM.** The Technical bid will be opened on **15.11.2022 at 5.30 PM onwards** and financial bid will be opened after **16.11.2022 Onwards.** If there any Changes it is published through E-Procurement only. More information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
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Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No.2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakaranagara, BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560092.

No: EE/BTP/BBMP/E-PMT/19/2022-23 Date: 07-11-2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover Tender) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, BBMP for the works detailed below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

(Standard Bid Documents - KW-1/2/3 & 4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Drilling of Borewell and Providing Pump and Motor at in Ward No. 06, Kogilu, Surrounding Area. **(Others)**	**60.00**	**120000**
2	Drilling of Borewell and Providing Pump and Motor and Laying Pipeline at in Ward No.07, Thanisandra. **(Others)**	**53.00**	**106000**
3	Drilling of Borewell and Providing Pump and Motor at in Ward No. 08, Jakkur. **(Others)**	**55.00**	**110000**

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **10-11-2022 at 3.00 PM in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No. 2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakarnagara, BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560092. 3)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is **16-11-2022 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **18-11-2022 at 11.00 AM (if possible) in the Office of the Executive Engineer. 5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid is **19-11-2022 at 11.00 AM (if possible).** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, BBMP.

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-32/22-23/3320-22 Date: 05.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against the enquiry no: **KPTCL/ SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/ AEE-2/ Erection of 11kV SWG/ EPR-338 Dtd:16.09.2022 in** Combined Package for the following works:

Work-1: Providing additional one number of 11kV, 25kA, 1250A, MCVCB feeder panel for load bifurcation of 11kV feeders at 66/11kV Substation, Maralwadi in TL&SS Division, Kanakapura as per request of BESCOM on PTK Basis.

Work-2: Providing additional one number of 11kV, 31.5kA, 1600A, MCVCB feeder panel for load bifurcation of 11kV feeders at 66/11kV Substation, Kanakapura in TL&SS Division, Kanakapura as per request of BESCOM on PTK Basis.

Work-3: Providing additional one number of 11kV, 25kA, 1250A, MCVCB feeder panel for load bifurcation of 11kV feeders at 66/11kV Substation, Hanumanthanagara in TL&SS Division, Kanakapura as per request of BESCOM on PTK Basis.

Work-4: Providing additional one number of 11kV, 25kA, 1250A, MCVCB feeder panel for load bifurcation of 11kV feeders at 66/11kV Substation, Achchalu in TL&SS Division, Kanakapura as per request of BESCOM on PTK Basis.

The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging **on or after 07.11.2022** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link 'e-procurement - KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, VIJAYAPUR (RURAL), VIJAYAPUR

Publication of E-Procurement Tender

Tender have been invited through E-Procurement to buy and distribute eggs to children for the age group of 6 months to 6 years and pregnant and lactating mothers under the Mathrupurna Scheme in 341 Anganawadi Centers under the Vijayapur Rural Child Development Project for the year 2022-2023. Short Time Tender Website number will be www.eproc.karnatakagov.in. The estimated value of the tender is Rs. 2,80,40,760/- and tender EMD Amount of Rs. 4,20,611/-

TENDER SCHEDULE

1) Tender Reference No.: No. WCD/ICDS/EGG/1/2021/E-597342 Dated. 24.06.2022

2. Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from e-Procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in: From 04.11.2022

3. Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting: 15.11.2022 at 11:00 AM at the following venue: Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Vijayapur Rural. Department of Women and Child Development, Vijayapur. Address: District Bal Bavan, Near ZP Gate, Taluk: Viajayapur, District: Vijayapur, State: Karnataka, Pincode: 586109

4. Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in e-Procurement Portal:10.11.2022 up to 05:00 PM

5. Last Date and Time for uploading of eTender in e-Procurement portal:18.11.2022 up to 5:00 PM

6. Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids: 21.11.2022, After 05:00 PM

7. Date and Time of opening of Financial Bids: 24.11.2022, 12:00 PM

8. Place of opening of Tenders: Child Development Project Officer, Vijayapur Rural, e-Procurement Portal

9. Address for Communication: Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Viajyapur Rural. Department of Women and Child Development, Vijayapur. Address: District Bal Bavan, Near ZP Gate, Taluk: Vijayapur, District: Vijayapur, State: Karnataka, Pincode: 586109 Phone: +919900692285 STD Code: +08352 landline number:276391 Email: cdpovjpbijapur@gmail.com

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer, Vijayapur Rural

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RRI should also focus on research that directly benefits society: DST Secy

It was the first autonomous institute to be funded by the Department of Science and Technology and both have clocked 50 years together, says Srivari Chandrasekhar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Srivari Chandrasekhar, Secretary, Union Department of Science and Technology, virtually addressing the gathering at the launch of the platinum jubilee celebrations of Raman Research Institute in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Srivari Chandrasekhar, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST), on Monday called upon Raman Research Institute (RRI), mostly focusing on research in Basic Sciences, to also conduct research in areas which have a direct benefit to society.

Mr. Chandrasekhar, virtually addressing the launch of the platinum jubilee celebrations of RRI, said that while the institute, founded by Nobel Laureate Sir C.V. Raman, has been carrying out excellent fundamental research initiatives for the last 75 years, it should also conduct research in the areas of health and related industries.

Mr. Chandrasekhar said that the RRI was the first autonomous institute to be funded by the Department of Science and Technology and both have clocked 50 years together. He added that RRI has been working in areas of national security.

"The institution has been doing a lot of work in the domain of national security work and in this context I am very pleased to note that a senior level delegation from the department visited RRI and explored initiatives that RRI can take in quantum communication, quantum security and other quantum enabled technologies," Mr. Chandrasekhar said.

He also said that there was robust collaboration between the RRI and the ISRO.

"There are many collaborative programmes between ISRO and RRI in the areas such as X-ray astronomy, X-ray parameters which when launched will be the first mission in the world ahead of NASA and the European Space Agency. In the near future RRI is attempting an ambitious project to put a radiometer on the far side of the moon," he said.

ISRO Chairman S Somanath called on RRI faculty to utilise ISRO's facilities across the country and connect with its scientists and engineers.

"Come and connect with ISRO's laboratories and establishments that we have created. They will be available to you as well as you don't have to be constrained within the physical boundaries of your institution," Mr. Somanath said.

He added that ISRO will be now focusing more on R&D and the operational activities such as building, launching and operating satellites would be taken care of by New Space India Limited.

"Over the years ISRO has been focusing more on delivering applications for the governance, public etc. We have been building satellites, launching them and operating them. The government is now telling us to move all the operational activities to a different domain for which we have created the New Space India Limited. ISRO will be focusing more on R&D," he added.

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INBRIEF

Awards: Draft guidelines to be submitted to LS Speaker

The draft guidelines for selection of awards in Legislative Assemblies and Councils of different States will be submitted by a committee to the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in December. The decision to this effect was taken by the committee that held its second meeting in Bengaluru on Monday, under the chairmanship of Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri. Besides, the committee members had extensive deliberations on the guidelines to be laid down for the award that would be submitted to the Lok Sabha speaker in December. The meeting was attended by officials from Lok Sabha Secretariat.

Judge posts: List of candidates eligible to take exam out

The High Court of Karnataka has published the list of candidates, who are eligible to appear for the preliminary examination, for the post of district judges through direct recruitment. The list is published on its official website https://karnatakajudiciary.kar.nic.in/recruitment.php.

The preliminary examination for the post of District Judges by direct recruitment is slated for December 18 between 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. in Bengaluru. The examination centre-wise list of the eligible candidates will be published soon and admission cards for the eligible candidates will be uploaded in the official website of the High Court of Karnataka, according to an official release.

Law Commission needs to rethink age criteria for consensual sex: HC

Asks Education Department to set up a committee to evolve a mechanism to educate students about the acts, which are criminalised under the POCSO Act, and the consequences of such acts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has said that the Law Commission of India will have to rethink the age criteria in law for having consensual sex to address the issue of instances of sexual intercourse as a result of mutual love affair amongst minor girls and boys, who are aged above 16 but are below 18.

The court also directed the Principal Secretary, State Education Department, to set up a committee to evolve a mechanism for educating students, at least from Class IX onwards about the acts, which are criminalised under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and the similar provisions under the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and the consequences of such acts.

A Division Bench, comprising Justice Suraj Govindaraj and Justice G. Basavaraj, pointed out that court is coming across several criminal cases relating to minor girls above the age of 16 having fallen in love and eloped with a boy, either a minor or just attained majority, and in the meantime having had sexual intercourse with the boy.

The Bench made the observations while dismissing an appeal filed by the State against the trial court's 2020 order of acquitting a boy from a POCSO Act case of 2016 after the girl, her parents and the relatives turned hostile during the trial, and it was brought to trial court's notice that both the girl and the boy had married in 2017.

The High Court also noted that they are living together as married couple and having two children now.

It is also seen that many of the above offences, which are deemed offences under IPC or POCSO Act, are deemed to have been committed as a result of or on account of lack of knowledge on the part of the minor girl and the boy, and many a time both know each other well being classmates or otherwise, the court said.

"Though lack of knowledge of law is no excuse, can minors be presumed to have knowledge of the applicable law would be the question required to be asked in such a situation," the court observed.

"The aspect of consent even by a girl of 16 years and above would have to be considered if there is indeed an offence under the IPC and/or the POCSO Act. Normally when evidence is lead the victim is a major and the testimony given then of an act committed while being a minor would have to be given due value," the Bench observed.

While the complaints in such cases are filed in the heat of the moment on account of parents objection for such relationship or marriage of the boy and the girl, later the family members turn hostile, probably realising the desire of the girl and the boy, the Court pointed out.

"The effect of criminal prosecution of a minor girl and/or boy, and/or by who has attained majority recently, causes severe harm and injury to all in their families... There is also a possibility of misunderstanding occurring between the boy and the girl that could impact their relationship," the court observed.

"We are of the considered opinion that the Law Commission of India would have to rethink the age criteria, so as to take into consideration the ground realities," the Bench observed.

Term 'Hindu' is Persian; its meaning is dirty and insulting: Satish Jarkiholi

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Satish Jarkiholi

A statement made by KPCC working president Satish Jarkiholi at the rally of Manava Bandhutva Vedike (MBV), in Nippani of Belagavi district on Sunday, triggered a controversy resulting in the party national general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewal himself "condemning" it and distancing the party from Mr. Jarkiholi's remarks.

Speaking in Hindi and Marathi, Mr. Jarkiholi said that the term Hindu did not originate in India. "Where did the term Hindu come from? Is it our own? No. It is of Persian origin. Where is that? It refers to countries like Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. What is the relation between India and such countries? How can it be an Indian term? There needs to be a debate on this. Please refer to sites like Wikipedia. If it is not an Indian term, why are some people taking it so seriously? If you understand its original meaning, you will be ashamed of yourself. The original meaning of the term is very dirty and insulting,'' he said.

He said that he was not conjuring up the meaning of the term, but was only quoting from the writing of a Swami. "Why are you forcing upon us a term that did not originate in India?,'' he asked.

MBV, a social organisation aimed at spreading the ideologies of Buddha, Basavanna and Ambedkar, launched a month-long programme to create awareness about these ideologies. Mr. Jarkiholi, MBV founder, was speaking at the inaugural ceremony.

Video clips of his speech went viral on social media by Monday. The Congress was quick to distance itself from his statement and condemned it. "Hinduism is a way of life and a civilisational reality. Congress built our nation to respect every religion, belief and faith. This is the essence of India. The statement attributed to Mr. Jarkiholi is deeply unfortunate and deserves to be rejected. We condemn it unequivocally," said Mr. Surjewala.

Clarification

Mr. Jarkiholi too issued a clarification later, saying he did not mean to insult the faith. "I was only pointing out the Persian origin of the term Hindu and about various meanings of the term as found in some texts," he said.

He said that he had made a statement based on articles in Wikipedia and other websites and books and that it was not his personal opinion.

BJP will take out rath yatras in State, says Chief Minister

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai speaking to presspersons in Udupi on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Monday that once the ongoing Jana Sankalpa Yatra of the BJP concludes, the party will take out rath yatras to cover all 224 Assembly constituencies in the State.

Speaking to presspersons at Kaup near Udupi, Mr. Bommai said that a rath yatra each will begin from North Karnataka and South Karnataka to organise the party workers and people in view of next year's elections to the State Legislative Assembly.

He was in Udupi to participate in the Jana Sankalpa Yatra of the party at Kaup. Taking on the Congress, he said that the former Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah is under illusion that the people will bring back the Congress to power in the State. The Congress after five years of ruling in the State under the leadership of Mr. Siddaramaiah could not return to power on its own.

"The Congress which had won 120 plus seats in 2013 Assembly election, could win only 77 seats in 2018 Assembly polls. The electorate had rejected the Congress. The people have not forgotten its divide and rule policy," he said.

Mr. Bommai said that 50 years of ruling the country by the Congress was mired in corruption. The Congress is "Gangotri" of corruption and it started with that party. The Congress leaders are making baseless allegations on corruption against the BJP government to cover up their own.

"Their allegations are bundle of lies. It is beyond doubt that Congress means lie, lie means Congress. The corruption during the Congress rule in the State is being probed," he said.

Public barred from Manasagangotri campus

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The University of Mysore has restricted the entry of walkers, joggers and public vehicles inside Manasagangotri campus here. The decision comes in the wake of the death of retired IB officer R.N. Kulkarni on the campus. A speeding car knocked down the 83-year-old retired officer when he was on a walk on the campus on November 4.

HDD writes to Modi on having statue of Kempe Gowda on Parliament premises

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Days before the unveiling of the 108-ft-statue of Kempe Gowda - the founder of Bengaluru - on the premises of Kempegowda International Airport, the demand to install his statue on Parliament premises in Delhi has been reiterated.

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to consider installing a bronze statue of Kempe Gowda on the Parliament premises. He has cited an earlier memorandum submitted by the Bengaluru founder Kempe Gowda Central Committee on the issue.

Incidentally, Mr. Modi is arriving in Bengaluru on November 11 to unveil the statue and inaugurate terminal II of the airport. The installation of the statue by the BJP itself is being seen as a political overture by the party to woo Vokkaligas. Vokkaliga community in the recent decades has mostly remained with Janata Dal (Secular) and Congress.

"Kempe Gowda established Bengaluru in the 16th century and the seeds that he sowed centuries ago has today flowered into a globally renowned metropolis that we are all proud of. Kempe Gowda, who personifies Bengaluru, could very well be seen as a symbol of India's technological leap," Mr. Gowda said in a letter to Mr. Modi on Sunday.

Mr. Gowda's letter assumes significance in Vokkaliga politics in Old Mysore region as the BJP government is attempting to make inroads into the Janata Dal (Secular) strongholds and has been taking the Kempe Gowda Ratha Yatra around Vokkaliga dominated districts in the run up to the inauguration of the statue.

While many regional Vokkaliga leaders in the Opposition have accused the BJP of turning the government yatra into a party affair, the collection of 'sacred soil' as part of the ratha yatra from various places in the Vokkaliga heartland that is to be mixed with soil on the airport premises has continued.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client A. Srirama S/o Avalallappa intends to purchase the schedule property from Smt. K.V.Bhagirathamma W/o V. Nagaraj R/at No.88, Vivars Colony, 9th Cross, Annekal, Banglaore. Pin-562106, and who represents to be the absolute owner of the schedule property. Any person/s having any objections, claims or interest in the property shall lodge their claim or objections with supporting documents to the under signed within period of Ten day from the date of this publication failing which our Client would proceed to purchase the Schedule property as if there is no claims or objections to such purchase will not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the agriculture land bearing Sy. No.67/4, [Old Sy. No.67/1] Measuring 1 Acre, situated at Shivarapatna AmaniKere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District. Pin-563130 bounded on:

East by : Rukminiyamma's land,
West by : Road,
North by : M.K. Sathyam's land,
South by : H.R. Prakash's land.

From,
MaaruthVijay, B.A.L., LL.B,
Advocate & Notary
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CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, HUMNABAD

No. CDPO/HBD/EGG/RE-TENDER/ 2022-23 Dated: 07-11-2022.

: EGG RE-TENDER SCHEDULE :

1) Tender Reference No.: No. CDPO/HBD/EGG/RE-TENDER/ 2022-23 Dated: 07-11-2022. 2) Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from eProcurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in : From **07-11-2022,** 3) Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting: **16-11-2022 at 11:00 AM** at the following venue: Office of the Child Development Project Officer Humnabad. Department of Women and Child Development NH-65 By Pass Road Humnabad, Humnabad, Bidar, Karnataka – 585330. 4) Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in eProcurement Portal: **24-11-2022 up to 05:00 PM,** 5) Last Date and Time for uploading of eTender in eProcurement portal: **06-12-2022 up to 5:00 PM**, 6) Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids : **08-12-2022 after 11:00 AM**, 7) Date and Time of opening of Financial Bids: Shall be intimated in eProcurement Portal, 8) Place of opening of Tenders: eProcurement Portal, 9) Address for Communication: Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Department of Women and Child Development, NH-65 By Pass Road Humnabad, Humnabad, Bidar, Karnataka – 585330. Phone: +919591171770- 08483-270253. Email: cdpohumnabad1@gmail.com

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer
Humnabad

DIPR/Bidar/306/MC&A/2022-23

'Probe is on in both cases against seer'

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Superintendent of Police of Chitradurga K. Parashuram has said that statements of the victims, their parents and witnesses have already been recorded in connection with the two cases filed against Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru and others in the sexual harassment case.

Speaking to presspersons in Chitradurga on Monday, he said that the first case of sexual harassment of two minor girls by the prime accused has been filed before the Second Additional District and Sessions Court in Chitradurga and the CC number is awaited.

"The investigation of the first case has been partially completed and based on the outcome of investigation, charge-sheet was filed against accused no 1 Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, accused no 2 hostel warden Rashmi and accused no 4 manager of the mutt Paramashivaiah on October 27. Investigation of the involvement of accused no 3 (a minor) and accused no 5 Gangadharaiah is continuing," he said.

Regarding the second case against the seer, he said that the statements of the victims and their mother have already been recorded.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

It is with utmost grief
we share the untimely demise of
Mr. Suresh Babu
Founder & CEO of
Web Marketing Academy

His final rites will be held at 10.30 at his residence.
He will be laid to rest at Gate no.1 Hosur Road Burial Ground.

Grieving: Mrs. Meena Bopiah Suresh and WMA family.

(Govt of Karnataka)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.W.D DIVISION SEDAM

No. EE/PWD/Dvn/Sed/TS- 1& 2/2022-23/2525 Date : 05-11-2022

-:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::-

1) Details of Works : 1. Total no of work 02 in Sedam taluka Indent No's are as follows: Under KKRDB- 151392 & 3054- Maintenance- 159314. 2. Total no of work 08 in Chittapur taluka Indent No's are as follows: Under KKRDB- 159486, 159482, 3054-Maintenance- 159612, 159971, 159975, 159974, 159973 (SC) & 159970 (ST). 3. Total no of work 02 in Kalagi taluka Indent No's are as follows: Under K.K.R.D.B- 156950 and 156866. 4. Total no of work 01 in Chincholi taluka Indent No's are as follows: Under 3054- Maintenance- 159783, 2) Head of Account: Under K.K.R.D.B & For the year 2021-22 & 2022-23 and 3054- Maintenance Works For the year 2022-23. 3) Amount Put to Tender : **Lowest Estimate Cost Rs. 7.56 Lakhs Highest Estimate Cost Rs. 357.40 Lakhs,** 4) Legibility of Contractor : Class-3 contractor & Above, 5) Pre-Bid Meeting Date : **17-11-2022 - 11:30:00 Hrs**, 6) Last date & time for Tender Queries & receipt of tenders : **19-11-2022 - 17:30:00 Hrs**, 7) Tender Form Fee & EMD Amount : Tender processing fee & EMD As per e-portal, 8) Last date & time for receipt of tenders : **21-11-2022 - 16:00:00 Hrs**, 9) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **22-11-2022 - 16:30:00 Hrs**, 10) Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid: **23-11-2022 - 16:30:00 Hrs,** 11) Communication Address: Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D Division Sedam, 12) Internet Address: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**, 13) If any changes for Cancelation : Any Changes and cancelations are done in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D Division Sedam

DIP/Kalaburagi/805/MC&A/2022-23

Telangana Governor meets Amit Shah in Delhi

N. Rahul
HYDERABAD

Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Monday reportedly to discuss the fate of seven Bills passed by the Telangana Assembly in September. The Bills are yet to get her approval due to certain objections raised by her.

After the meeting, she said it was a routine meeting against the backdrop of her finishing of three years in office. The Governor has summoned State Minister for Education P. Sabita Indra Reddy to clarify whether the Bill on common recruitment Board for the teaching faculty of universities was tenable.

The summons were issued in a letter to the government seeking clarification on the constitution of the Board. A separate letter was also addressed to the University Grants Commission on the rule position.

Dr. Soundararajan sought to know from the UGC whether the recruitment by the Board was acceptable. She expressed anguish that the government did not pay heed to her repeated instructions to fill the vacancies for teachers in universities.

The Bill on recruitment board was drafted keeping in view the recruitment drive taken up by government for employees and large number of vacancies of teachers in universities. Pressure was mounted by students unions and government for approval.

POCSO Act forces Adivasis in Nilgiris into conflict with law, say activists

Youth under the age of 18 in relationships within or outside marriage run foul of the stringent provisions of the Act; many of them are unaware of law and end up in prison for a crime they did not know they were committing

Rohan Premkumar
UDHAGAMANDALAM

Kannan (name changed), a 19-year-old youth from an Adivasi community in Gudalur in the Nilgiris, was in love with 17-year-old Sumathi (name changed) from the same community, when he was charged by the all-woman police for sexually assaulting his girlfriend, who he has been living with for the past year-and-a-half.

Kannan, from an underprivileged Adivasi background, claims he was not aware of the laws protecting young girls from being unlawfully married off prior to the age of 18, and though both he and his girlfriend are now of legally marriageable age, Kannan faces a long prison term as he was booked under Sections of the stringent Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Kannan is believed to be among 10 Adivasi youth from Gudalur and Pandalur taluks, who have cases pending against them in the courts under various sections of the POCSO Act, the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, and even kidnapping.

K.T. Subramanian, the secretary of the Adivasi Munnetra Sangam and the ASHWINI-Gudalur Adivasi Hospital, said that child marriage was prevalent among certain Adivasi groups in the Nilgiris. He said that the accused boy is in most cases was 17 or 18 years of age, and in a relationship with a minor girl. "In most cases, the families agree to get the couple married, but when the girl becomes pregnant and visits the village health nurse, and they find out that she is a minor, or was married before she turned 18, they inform child welfare services or the local police," Mr. Subramanian said, adding that in many cases, the accused and the victim were from the same community, and were unaware of the laws.

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>
> **K. VIJAYAN**
> Advocate

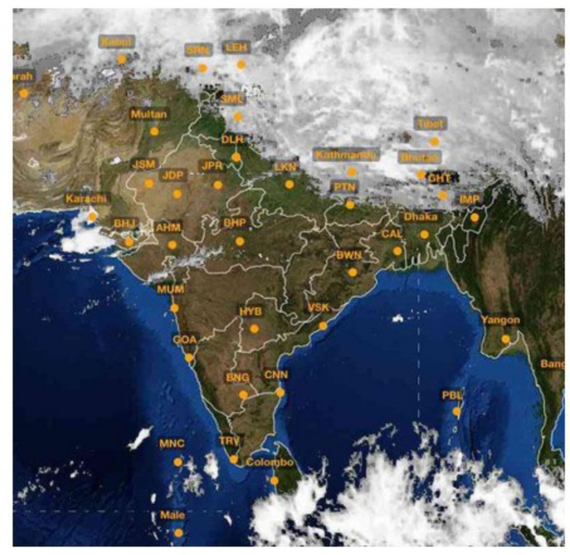
"To strengthen the case against the youth, the local police also sometimes exaggerate the offences and use terms like 'repeated sexual assault', when in reality, sexual intercourse between both parties was consensual," G. Malaichamy, a lawyer defending members of Adivasi communities in court, said.

He added that though judges in the lower courts are sympathetic to the plight of the youths, they are invariably told to appeal to the High Court.

Advocate K. Vijayan, who pleaded on behalf of the Toda community, managed to get an order in favour of the accused due to the "customary practices" of the community. He said that the POCSO Act was extremely stringent, and puts the onus on the accused to prove his innocence. "Consider that a young Adivasi youth, around 20 years old, gets imprisoned for 10-15 years. He will come out a hardened criminal, and would have had to serve time for a crime he didn't even know he was committing," Mr. Vijayan said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.7	21.6	Kozhikode	15	33.9	24.2
Ahmedabad	—	35.4	20.5	Kurnool	—	33.8	21.0
Aizawl	—	26.1	16.3	Lucknow	—	31.3	18.0
Allahabad	—	31.8	17.0	Madurai	4	31.8	21.9
Bengaluru	4.3	29.0	18.5	Mangaluru	—	32.8	24.3
Bhopal	—	33.5	17.4	Mumbai	—	34.8	20.6
Bhubaneswar	—	31.8	21.5	Mysuru	—	30.0	20.4
Chandigarh	—	31.0	18.4	New Delhi	—	33.0	17.0
Chennai	—	30.1	24.4	Patna	—	30.8	19.2
Coimbatore	2	31.6	21.4	Port Blair	0.1	30.8	25.6
Dehradun	—	27.8	14.6	Puducherry	1	32.2	21.9
Gangtok	—	18.2	11.6	Pune	—	31.9	15.6
Goa	0.2	34.0	22.5	Raipur	—	31.2	19.7
Guwahati	—	31.6	19.6	Ranchi	—	27.4	17.0
Hubballi	—	30.0	17.0	Shillong	—	20.9	11.5
Hyderabad	—	31.4	16.8	Shimla	—	20.0	11.4
Imphal	—	27.7	13.8	Srinagar	27.4	—	4.8
Jaipur	—	33.6	18.7	Thiruvananthapuram	63	31.2	21.6
Kochi	0.8	31.0	24.0	Tiruchi	4	31.3	23.0
Kohima	—	23.7	11.4	Vijayawada	—	31.7	22.4
Kolkata	—	31.0	21.3	Visakhapatnam	—	32.1	23.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.94	150	171	...199	...248	
Bengaluru	...8	..20	.84	...226	...129	
Chennai	.11	..50	.48	...129	...117	
Delhi	.18	..94	.52	...384	...356	
Hyderabad	...5	..37	.44	...213	.....—	
Kolkata	.19	..29	.16	...213	...149	
Lucknow	.17	108	.30	...206	...188	
Mumbai	.25	131	.43	...248	...109	
Pune	..—	..40	.49	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	.36	..58	.32	...204	...171	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Katihar, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 360 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

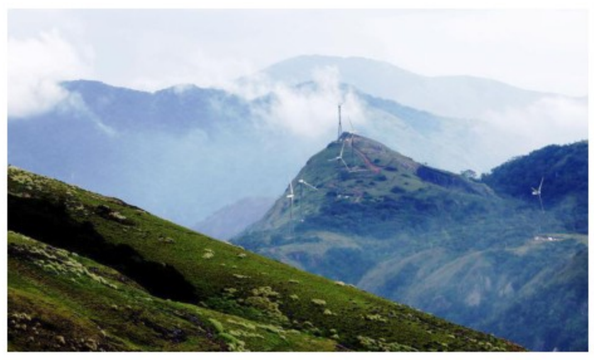
Neelakurinji withers but tourist inflow continues

SPECIAL

The Hindu Bureau
IDUKKI

Though the Neelakurinji flowers (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*) atop the Kallippara hills in Idukki have withered away, the inflow of tourists to the picturesque landscape continues.

According to Santhanpara panchayat officials, Neelakurinji largely bloomed on the Kallippara hills from the first week of October. It is estimated that more than 10 lakh people flocked to the hills in the past 30 days.



According to officials, tourist footfall has generated a revenue of ₹15,03,180 lakh this blooming season. JOMON PAMPAVALLEY

Santanpara panchayat president Liju Varghese said the local body closed the ticket counter on Sunday. "Even though the flowers have dried out, tourists are continuing to visit the Kallippara hills," he said.

Tourism potential

"Considering the tourism potential of the Kallippara hills, the panchayat has decided to develop it as a tourism destination. A memorandum will be submitted to the District Collector in this regard," Mr. Varghese added.

Tourist footfall has generated a revenue of ₹15,03,180 lakh this blooming season, officials said. About four tonnes of waste collected from the site has been transported to the Material Collection Facility (MCF) centre that is functioning under the grama panchayat. Haritha Karma Sena members will conduct another massive clean-up drive on the Kallippara hills, said officials.

The stunning view of Tamil Nadu and the windmills in Chathurangapara hills are also attracting the tourists to the Kallippara hills.

A.P. man shifts son's body to mortuary on a two-wheeler

The Hindu Bureau
MACHILIPATNAM

A man was reportedly forced to carry his son's body on a two-wheeler to the district hospital in Machilipatnam on Monday after waiting for over an hour for a mortuary van.

Golla Naveen, 14, a Class 8 student at a government high school, had gone to the Manginapudi beach on Sunday with his friends. He was reportedly pulled into the waters by strong waves.

Following a complaint, the Bandar Taluk police registered a case and launched a search for the boy with the help of marine police and swimmers. Around 6 a.m. on Monday, villagers found Naveen's body on the shore at Satrampalem village and alerted officials and family. The boy's father, Nagaraju, and maternal uncle, Bala Krishna, reportedly waited for over an hour for the officials. Villagers said that as the officials allegedly did not turn up, the duo had to carry the body on their motorcycle.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Machilipatnam Mandal Revenue Officer Sunil said the family members shifted the body to the hospital without informing the officials.

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Annapoorneshwarinagar, Benglauru-91.

No.: Sr.A.H.D/RRNZ/Tender/PR/113/2022-23 Date: 07.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender dated 07-11-2022 is invited for the below mentioned Landscape Development Work of Garden in Ward No 160 of Rajarajeshwarinagar Zone jurisdiction. Interested Contractors who intend to participate in the Tender can submit their Bids through E-procurement Portal online from date: 08.11.2022 to 15.11.2022.

Sl. No.	Description of the Work	Amount Put to Work	Reserved Details
1	Landscape Development and Borewell Drilling Upgradation Jnanakshi Park Kenchenahalli BHEL Part-3 Ward No. 160 in R.R. Nagar Zone	20.00 Rs. In Lakhs	General
2	Landscape Development and Upgradation Kenchenahalli Park Ward No. 160 in R.R. Nagar Zone	20.00 Rs. In Lakhs	General

Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Senior Asst Horticulture Director,
Rajarajeshwari Zone

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantor that, the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to YES BANK Limited **(" Secured Creditor")**, the physical possession whereof has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor on October 14, 2020 under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, will be sold by way of e-auction on "As Is Where Is", "As Is What is", "Whatever There is" and "No Recourse" basis on **December 9, 2022** (between 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.) for recovery of **Rs. 3,56,93,80,480.93**, from Lily Realty Private Limited **("Borrower" and "Mortgagor") and Mr. Asit Koticha, Mrs. Kanan Koticha, Aahana Realty Pvt Ltd and Swarit Realty Pvt Ltd (Guarantors)** due to the Secured Creditor as on October 11, 2022 together with further interests, costs, charges and expenses thereon with effect from October 11, 2022 till the date of actual repayment.

The details regarding the description of the properties, Reserve Price (Price below which the properties will not be sold) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) are more particularly stated in the table below:

Name of Borrower (s)/Mortgagor(s)	Particulars	Description			Reserve Price (In Rupees)	EMD (10% of Reserve Price)
		Survey No.	Approximate Net Area			
			Acre	Gunta		
Lily Realty Private Limited ("Borrower" and "Mortgagor")	Sy. no's – 4, 5/1, 5/2, 6/1, 6/2, 6/3, 6/4 measuring about 8 acres 29 guntas excluding kharab land, located in Bhattarahalli Village, K R Puram, Old Madras Road, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East, 560049	4	4	34	INR 90,00,00,000/-	INR 9,00,00,000/-
		5/1	-	16		
		5/2	-	18		
		6/1	-	10		
		6/2	1	-		
		6/3	-	6		
		6/4	1	15		
		Total	8	29		

Last Date & Time of submitting EMD: December 7, 2022 up to 5.00 pm.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please log on to the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net / www.yesbank.in. For further information on the auction including inspection of the properties, the intended tenderers may contact Mr. Sunny Talreja on sunny.talreja@yesbank.in /Ms. Krupali Naik on Krupali.naik@yesbank.in between 10.30 am to 5.30 pm on all working days.

Place: Bangalore
Date: November 8, 2022

Sd/-
(Authorized Officer)
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KBJNL/DDN/PB/SCP-TSP-2022-23/1008 Dated: 05.11.2022

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Economics, exclusion

Use of sole income criterion for quotas is questionable, but it should be made to work in a non-exclusionary way

On the face of it, a new kind of reservation in education and jobs solely based on income or economic criteria was destined to face several constitutional hurdles. However, given that the special provision in favour of 'Economically Weaker Sections' (EWS) among those who are not eligible for community-based quotas meant for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, was introduced through an amendment to the Constitution, only a demonstration that the new quota violated the basic structure of the Constitution would have succeeded in dislodging it. By a majority of three to two, the Supreme Court of India has ruled that the amendment does not violate the basic structure. In the process, the Court has recorded a major paradigm shift in its conception of what constitutes valid affirmative action. For the first time, it has upheld a kind of reservation that specifically excludes those from the three existing categories of beneficiaries and is extended solely on the basis of economic criteria. When in Indra Sawhney (1992), a nine-judge Bench upheld OBC reservation, but favoured exclusion of advanced sections of the beneficiary communities from its purview, it introduced a form of economic criteria for the first time. However, the criteria were used to exclude individuals, while the groups continued to be eligible for reservation. At the same time, the Court struck down a provision for 10% reservation for economically backward sections introduced by the Congress regime, on the ground that the Constitution does not provide for reservation solely based on economic criteria.

The logic behind this scheme of affirmative action was that reservation is a tool of reparation for groups excluded from mainstream avenues of advancement due to caste discrimination, while it should not become a benefit or reward for individual members of the same groups who may have made reasonable progress. This logic was wholly inverted in 2019 when the BJP-led regime amended the Constitution to provide reservation solely on economic criteria to sections other than those enjoying reservation under the categories of SCs, STs and OBCs. The resort to economic or income criterion as the sole marker for identifying a beneficiary is obviously unsustainable from the point of view of equality of opportunity. All five judges agree that the introduction of an economic criterion does not violate the Constitution. However, Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, with Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit, concurring, has correctly found that the exclusion of groups that already enjoy reservation from accessing this new form of affirmative action violates the equality norm, which is a basic feature of the Constitution.

The Constitution Amendment came with considerable political legitimacy as very few members voted against it. The Court could not have lightly struck it down. The majority acknowledges Parliament's power to create a new set of criteria and a new target for affirmative action. Their opinions whole-heartedly endorse the exclusion of communities that benefit from existing reservation norms, contending that such exclusion is necessary to achieve the intended object of emancipating economically weaker sections and, if they are included, it may undermine the entire idea of providing such reservation. This approach is clearly flawed because this creates a vertical reservation scheme based on economic weakness, a factor that could be applicable to all communities, but consciously excludes a large segment. There was some merit in the argument that reservation cannot be used as a poverty alleviation measure, and that a collective remedy meant to be compensatory discrimination in favour of historically deprived classes cannot be converted into a scheme to identify individuals based on their low-income levels and confer the same benefit. The existing income criterion of ₹8 lakh a year has already been questioned by the Court in a separate case, as it is liable to result in excessive coverage of socially advanced classes. When those exempted from filing I-T returns are only those with taxable income below ₹2.5 lakh, it makes no sense to extend the reservation benefits to sections earning upto ₹8 lakh. Also, the majority view that the 50% ceiling is applicable only to caste-based quotas and not for EWS reservation is constitutionally unsustainable, as it is a vertical compartment that is carved out of the open competition segment.

Once the idea of using economic criterion alone is accepted in principle, as has been done even by the dissenting opinion, it can only be argued that the benefit should have been modulated to maximise the beneficiaries. The objective of economic emancipation could have been better achieved if the income-based reservation had been thrown open to all sections of society. The fear that some sections may corner a large share of the reservation cake had earlier been partially addressed by the 'creamy layer' norm for backward classes, but it also meant that the well-off among them will have to compete in open competition. By introducing an income criterion and barring OBCs, besides SC/ST communities, from the EWS silo, there is a clear violation of equality in their eligibility to avail of a part of the open competition opportunities. The Government should consider both opening up the EWS quota to all communities and keeping the income criterion much lower than the ceiling, perhaps at the same level as the income tax slab, to identify the 'creamy layer' so that some poorer sections of communities, if they are crowded out on the OBC or SC/ST merit list, could still avail of some residual benefits under the EWS scheme.

The age of minimalism in India-Pakistan ties

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India-Pakistan relations have entered an age of minimalism, counter-intuitive as it might seem. There is very little bilateral contact today, even fewer expectations of a bilateral breakthrough, and hardly any warmth in the relationship. And yet, there is a certain 'cold peace' between the traditional rivals – on the Line of Control, inside Kashmir and in the verbal exchanges between the two sides. The usual melodrama that surrounds India-Pakistan relations is only seen today when their national sides play each other during cricket tournaments. This is certainly new and a tad refreshing. But will it last?

India-Pakistan relations of the kind we have been used to over several decades now – characterised by intense engagement, high value terror attacks, Indian responses, a breakdown of talks, and eventual resumption of talks; rinse and repeat – may well be a thing of the past. Today, there is no political will for any grand relationship, grand gestures or grand outreach. The bilateral contact is tactical, business-like and unemotional. It is ironic that for a political party that was initially Pakistan-obsessed and used Pakistan for domestic political purposes, Pakistan occupies little space in the foreign policy agenda of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today.

What it entails

The BJP government in New Delhi began with the standard package of engaging Pakistan. There was the invitation extended to Nawaz Sharif (the then Pakistan Prime Minister) for Narendra Modi's inaugural function in New Delhi (May 2014), which Mr. Sharif attended, followed by Mr. Modi's surprise visit to Lahore (December 2015), and the discreet meetings between the two National Security Advisers (NSA). In January 2016, even when the Pathankot airbase was attacked by a Pakistan-based terrorist organisation, New Delhi hoped that things would get better. But it was not to be. The September 2016 terror attack in Uri, which led to the 'Surgical Strikes' by India, practically froze the relationship. The February 2019 terror attack in Pulwama, and the BJP government's decisions made in August 2019 on Kashmir put the relationship in deep freeze.

Over time, New Delhi appears to have realised that it requires too much time, commitment and effort to make peace with Pakistan – and little guarantee that it will succeed despite all that. This historical and experiential learning about the 'futility' of pursuing a normal relationship with its western neighbour has led to this current phase of minimalism. As a result, India-Pakistan relations today have been reduced to a backchannel conversation between the Indian NSA and the Pakistan Army establishment.

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The rationale and methodology

There are at least five reasons why the present age of minimalism has come to characterise India-Pakistan relations.

For one, the relationship is the history of missed opportunities, failed attempts at conflict resolution, political inability to resolve conflicts due to the dual power centre in Pakistan, and the lack of political will on either side. These disappointments have led to a recognition in New Delhi, that making comprehensive peace with Pakistan is a fool's errand. Second, there is a recognition on both sides that for all the talk about conflict resolution, there is no easy way to resolve their complicated conflicts and that, going forward, bilateral conflict resolution may get harder due to rising populism fuelled by online hate. Third, New Delhi also realises that the traditional logic in India that it should first settle its conflicts with Pakistan and then move on to addressing the bigger challenges may take New Delhi nowhere for, after all, none of the key bilateral conflicts between them has been resolved since the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960. Four, there is also a certain confidence in New Delhi today that it does not need to talk to Pakistan to ensure peace inside Kashmir. This growing confidence in New Delhi about its capability to defend Kashmir against Pakistani aggression or from terror attacks, and the belief in deterrence by punishment will further moderate India's desire to have elaborate conflict resolution exercises with Pakistan. Finally, both sides today are preoccupied with other geopolitical challenges – Pakistan with the Taliban-led Afghanistan, and India with an aggressive China on its borders – thereby keeping them busy elsewhere than with each other.

The age of minimalism in India-Pakistan relations is characterised by several noticeable features. For one, the interlocutors on either side (more so on the Indian side) appear to have adopted a clinical approach to dealing with the other side: discuss and deal with only those issues that need urgent attention. The second feature is the unmissable focus on conflict management, with little focus on conflict resolution.

Kashmir, for instance, is discussed in the context of the modalities for sustaining the ceasefire agreement, and not the historical political conflict over Kashmir. But given that the current engagement is decidedly for tactical purposes, larger political issues are kept outside of its purview. The third important aspect of this minimalist approach is that it has so far served as a useful platform for clarifying red lines, expectation management, and achieving limited but clear outcomes. The 2021 February ceasefire agreement is one such outcome, and relative reduction in violence in Kashmir is another.

Dealing with Rawalpindi

However, to my mind, the most important aspect of this minimalist approach is something else – New Delhi's ability to shed its traditional hesitations about directly dealing with the Pakistani army establishment. India has traditionally been of the view that it would only engage with the political establishment in Islamabad (or whoever runs the show in Islamabad). This had a structural issue – attempts at conflict resolution by India with Pakistan did not always have the blessings of Rawalpindi, which occasionally torpedoed such attempts. The current arrangement, wherein there is little contact between New Delhi and Islamabad but between Rawalpindi and New Delhi, has not only corrected the structural problem in India-Pakistan relations, it also appears that the Pakistan Army takes this direct approach more seriously. To that extent, this is a win-win strategy. And yet, given that the current strategy of minimalist engagement with the Pakistani deep state is unlikely to be able to tackle the larger substantive political questions, the process may run into challenges over time or its tactical utility might eventually be exhausted. The single most handicap of this process is that it is ill-suited to deal with larger political questions.

The frontliners of the first 1,000-day window of life

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Addressing malnutrition is critical to laying a strong foundation for human development. Optimal maternal nutrition and infant and young child feeding are the most effective set of interventions in reducing child deaths and disease, preventing malnutrition, in determining cognitive development, and in eventually enabling adult life productivity. Specifically, the first 1,000 days of life, i.e., from conception to the first two years of a child's life, are key as this phase presents a critical window of opportunity in ensuring optimal growth, development, child survival and lifelong health and nutrition. In fact, 80% of brain development takes place in the first 1,000 days of life.

To address the persistent high burden of malnutrition, India has been undertaking several policy and programmatic efforts which include the flagship programme, the Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment (POSHAN) Abhiyaan (launched in April 2018) under the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD). Its overarching goal is to improve nutritional outcomes by focusing on capacity building, improvement of service delivery, community mobilisation and participation, use of technology, and inter-ministerial/inter-departmental convergent planning and review. Additionally, there has been an enhanced focus on documentation of interventions coverage in the first 1,000 days, such as registration of pregnancies, antenatal checkup, and exclusive breastfeeding, as compared to the situation in 2015-16.

Evidence-based interventions are key

Evidence tells us that for bringing about change in nutrition outcomes, evidence-based interventions need to be delivered with high coverage, continuity (over the first 1,000 days of life and across delivery channels), intensity (multiple interactions), quality and equity. The health and nutrition status of women, including the weight and haemoglobin level, age at conception, and levels of multiple micronutrients during periconception period, are critical determinants for the child's health.

> As some stories of change from across India show, it is crucial to empower frontline health workers who are driving mother and child nutrition and development outcomes at the last mile

The criticality of preconception care, i.e., care before pregnancy, is acknowledged. In 2018, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare worked with Maharashtra and UNICEF to introduce the first ever primary health-care innovation programme to promote the health of women during the preconception period, in the Peth and Sinnar blocks of Nashik district, Maharashtra. During the programme, which was completed in 27 months, it was seen that promoting the health of adolescent girls and women not only promotes the health of the newborn but also prevents low birth weight, preterm birth, and newborn deaths. Its success led to it being scaled across several districts in the State.

All such interventions are delivered to the last mile by the network of the frontline work force: Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Auxiliary Nurse-Midwives (ANMs) and Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), who play a key role in empowering the community on health planning and action. In many geographies, they are the only access point to basic nutrition and other health services. They are critical in promoting healthy practices, providing on-ground support, and improving awareness.

In Uttar Pradesh

For example, during the Poshan Pakhwdaa in March 2022, in a remote village in Uttar Pradesh, all families with children below two were able to overcome age-old fears and misconceptions and get their children weighed at the anganwadi centre after multiple and continuous efforts by the AWWs, supported by the lady supervisor. Mothers and other relatives such as grandmothers and also fathers were enlightened about the benefits of regular weight measurement. Men, especially fathers, also play a very important role in ensuring maternal and newborn health (MNH). They can influence behaviours and good practices around MNH within their households and communities. Studies show that mothers are 1.5 times more likely to receive prenatal care in the first trimester when fathers are involved during pregnancy.

Back to the story. The AWW and the lady supervisor found support in the panchayat pradhan who had organised a community-level meeting a day before the start of the Poshan Pakhwada. All the men, women, AWWs, ASHAs, schoolteachers and community elders were involved to generate awareness on the benefits of weight measurement, early detection of undernourished children and ensure the weighing of all eligible young children.

Similarly, lady supervisors of a block in Unnao district (Uttar Pradesh) have ensured that AWWs have not only received growth monitoring devices but also been trained to measure and record body weight accurately. Community mobilisation meetings to ensure coverage of all eligible children were also organised.

These stories of change from Uttar Pradesh that have been driven by frontline workers and their supervisors resonate with the joint efforts of AWWs and ASHA workers in a remote village bordering Nepal, who ensure the regular weighing of each child every month to detect deficiencies in early growth.

The momentum for strengthening the nutrition system focuses on regular skilling, supportive supervision and motivation of frontline workers to deliver contextualised, focused and quality nutrition and health services. These along with data-driven reviews must be prioritised and sustained at the programme level. Because of their deeper understanding on the issues and needs at the grassroots level, their contribution to community health is much more. It is crucial to empower our frontline workers who are driving change at the last mile.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ECI must step in

Whatever the result in Munugode and the other byelections, it is clear that elections in the country are becoming a very 'expensive affair'. The discerning voter will know what the reference is to. The Election Commission of India (ECI) needs to come out with new modalities. With a 'national party' that seems to be unstoppable, the holding of elections is making it a die-or-die situation for all the other parties. Almost all parties are ready to spend crores to entice voters — the script of many an election. The money that is being spent shows how things have deteriorated as far as the conduct of elections is concerned. The ECI should step in and take strong and corrective actions lest people lose faith in elections and democracy.

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Secunderabad

Ethics and elections

The results of the Assembly bypolls have not thrown up any surprises, except in Munugode. It is unfortunate that election after election, the stark point that is emerging is that people are becoming inured to the defections of leaders and the realignment of political forces without any qualms about the ideological differences between the parties concerned. Such unethical developments in the name of "developing the constituency or the State" are hardly being questioned. The masses seem to expect freebies and doles, while there are others who are in a minority, who seem to have given up hope of having good politics and governance.

Kosaraju Chandramouli,
Hyderabad

The proposal by the ECI, where candidates "will have to open a separate bank account exclusively for election expenditure purposes, at least one day before filing of nomination", and candidates having to "maintain day-to-day accounts, cash book and bank book from the date of filing of nomination to the date of declaration of results (both dates inclusive), will only be a futile exercise. Parties are bound to come up with ways to hoodwink the public and the ECI when it comes to election expenses.

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Chennai

On reservation

In the last 75 years, reservation has been given to the socially and educationally backward persons to ensure their economic uplift so that they join the mainstream. If one examines the lot of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, one finds that there is a lot of economic backwardness among them. It is true that socially and educationally backward classes (SEBCs) have been excluded from this 10%, but it should be appreciated that in the reservation already made for them, efforts should be made for their improvement. Unfortunately, except for the SCs and STs, most of the positions are appropriated by the economically stronger sections belonging to SEBCs and it is there that economic restrictions are needed. The 103rd Amendment may go against the original intentions of the framers of the Constitution, but it is now seen that the poorer sections among the socially forward too need protection and this reservation cannot be faulted on that ground.

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India's G20 presidency and food security

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Global and regional food security have been deliberated upon as one of the priority agendas of the G20 for many years now. The situation has worsened with growing conflicts, and spiralling climate crises marked by droughts, floods, cyclones, and economic downturns in the past few years.

In this context, India's presidency of the G20 offers a historical opportunity for the country to share its successful journey in moving from a food-deficit nation to a food-surplus nation, and address the growing challenges of food security for creating resilient and equitable food systems.

In 2021, through the Matera Declaration, G20 ministers recognised that poverty alleviation, food security, and sustainable food systems are key to ending hunger. "The Matera Declaration reflects the Indian concern for the welfare of small & medium farmers, promoting local food cultures and recognising agri-diversity," External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar tweeted in June 2021 from Rome. There are many reasons why India is well placed to champion these ideas and rally commitments, as it takes over the presidency of G20 for a year starting December 1, 2022.

Leading the conversation

India's journey in the last 50 years provides learning on sustaining growth in foodgrain production and improving food systems. One of India's greatest contributions to equity in food is the National Food Security Act, 2013, which anchors the targeted public distribution system, the mid-day meal scheme, and the Integrated Child Development Services. Today, India's food safety nets collectively reach over a billion people.

Since Independence, India initiated policy measures, land reforms, public investments, institutional infrastructure, new regulatory systems, public support, and intervention in agri-markets and prices and agri-research and extension. The 1991-2015 period saw the diversification of agriculture with greater focus being given to the horticulture, dairy, animal husbandry, and fisheries sectors. The continued learning encompassed elements of nutritional health, food safety, sustainability, etc.

In the past three years, while responding to the pandemic, India has set a global example in alleviating hunger by bringing in the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana. Through the mechanism of purchases of cereals from farmers, the government was able to provide a swift and resilient response to the COVID-19 pandemic, avoid supply chain disruption and economic shock using its robust public distribution system, add new measures, and underline how critical food and social safety nets are to achieving the right to food and the dignity of its population.

International trade is crucial to ensure access to inputs, goods, and services to produce safe, nutritious, and affordable food. The Matera Declaration also emphasised keeping international food trade open and strengthening global, regional, and local diversified value chains for safe, fresh, and nutritious food, as well as promoting a science-based holistic One Health approach.

In the face of climate change and a sudden decline in wheat harvest and decline in rice production, India formally announced an export ban on wheat and rice. However, it maintained a flexible approach to help countries like Afghanistan with humanitarian aid and others such as Bangladesh, Egypt, Yemen with commercial supplies, in collaboration with the respective governments.

Five action points

There is also an opportunity to fast-track the processes and commitments that were started through the pioneering UN Food Systems Summit, held by the G20 leadership, for global food systems transformation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. The summit created a mechanism focused on five identified action tracks: Ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all; shift to sustainable consumption patterns; boost nature-positive production; advance equitable livelihoods, and build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks, and stress.

The war in Ukraine and the restriction on the export of wheat have shown how dependent nations are on a single source of global food supply. This vulnerability is linked with production being impacted by the changing weather, and disruption in the availability of inputs. It is important to note the vulnerability visible in foodgrain production and supply or in the availability with regards to exports will also raise the growing demand for India's wheat and rice.

Over the decades, the Government of India has institutionalised buying grains from farmers and food stocks as strategic reserves for national food security. The minimum support price has encouraged farmers to produce, and protects them from financial fluctuations. This process has protected people, especially the most vulnerable and poor, during difficult times. Such measures, which are context-driven, are needed for managing the uncertainties that have become the new normal for ensuring food security for high-population countries and many other countries across the globe. There needs to be greater investment in agriculture; food safety nets for the poor and vulnerable; new ways of farming; and diversified livelihoods. We need to expand south-south cooperation to share experiences on food and agriculture production and make expanded efforts to share India's experiences for countries in Africa and Asia.

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A flicker of hope for the Left in Bengal

The Trinamool is battling scams and BJP has not been able to reverse its slide

STATE OF PLAY

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At an 'Insaaf Rally' on September 20 in Kolkata, the police denied the organisers – the student and youth wing of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) – permission to set up a stage. Enthused by the crowd that had gathered, CPI (M) West Bengal Secretary Mohammad Salim said the administration may deny a "*mancha* (stage)", but it cannot stop "*manush* (people)" from coming to the rally. Over the past few months, rallies by the Left parties, particularly the CPI (M), have been drawing large crowds in the State.

After the 2021 Assembly elections in West Bengal, when the Trinamool Congress successfully withstood the onslaught of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the opposition space in the State has been shrinking. Not only did the Trinamool win all the bypolls and sweep the civic polls after 2021, but the vote share of the BJP, the main opposition party in the State, also dropped significantly. In some cases, the Left parties recorded similar or higher votes than the BJP. For instance, in the bypoll to the Ballygunje Assembly constituency held in March this year, the CPI(M) candidate came second, securing more votes than the BJP nominee.

Post-2021, politics in West Bengal has been in a state of flux. The ruling Trinamool, despite its electoral success, is battling scams, and the BJP has not been able to reverse its political slide. The situation provides a flicker of hope to the Left to regain lost ground. The death of student leader Anish Khan in February 2022

became a rallying point for the student and youth wings of the CPI(M). Recently, allegations of corruption in the recruitment process carried out by the School Service Commission brought cadres of the Left parties on to the streets.

Despite drawing large crowds, the Left parties, particularly the CPI(M), face the challenge of reaching their core support base. The Left had been in power in West Bengal for 34 years (1977-2011) with the support of the working class, farmers and the workers in the unorganised sectors including labour-intensive industries such as tea and jute. Over 11 years since the Left Front lost power to the Trinamool, trade unions have virtually disappeared. This has made it almost impossible for the workers to fight for their rights. Farmers also constituted a significant part of the Left parties' support base. During Trinamool rule, the Left parties' hold on farmers and share croppers has also weakened. Though there are reports of agrarian distress, the Left has failed to galvanise farmers.

There is also a crisis of leadership. After former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee resigned from active politics due to failing health, there has been no mass leader who appeals to the cadres of the Left, both young and old. The CPI(M) has tried to rope in new faces, but that has not yet yielded results. Fielding student leaders from universities in Kolkata or from Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi may generate headlines, but such efforts have not garnered electoral dividends for the party.

For the Left parties, the present political situation provides an opportunity to connect with their core constituency – the working class. They need to be more proactive when jute mills in south Bengal are shut down or workers are denied wages in the tea gardens in the Dooars or agrarian distress results in the deaths of farmers in Bardhaman or Hooghly. Lakhs of workers have not been paid dues for work done under MGNREGS in West Bengal; the Left could take up their cause.

The Left also suffers from confused messaging. For the last four-five years, ever since the BJP began to expand its base in West Bengal, the Left has had one strategy, which is to target 'Modi' (Prime Minister Narendra Modi) and 'Didi' (West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee) simultaneously, often in the same line. While there is nothing wrong with this kind of messaging politically, the Left parties need to make it clear to their supporters who the bigger political adversary is now.

There is also a need for stronger unity within the Left. None of the Left parties, including the CPI(M), has any representation in the State Assembly. Therefore, holding different programmes makes little sense. In fact, there is a need to bring in more Left parties together and hold sustained programmes on the rights of workers and farmers.

India Inc. needs demand revival to boost investments

Consumer demand started to decline before the pandemic and worsened after outbreak

DATA POINT

Jasmin Nihalani & Vignesh Radhakrishnan

In September, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was anguished that industry was holding back from investing in manufacturing despite a significant cut in corporate tax rates in 2019.

The slowdown in corporate investment did not happen because companies were making losses. In fact, private companies, boosted by considerable tax cuts, made windfall profits. A State Bank of India analysis shows that tax cuts contributed 19% to the top line of companies during the pandemic. But this did not result in increased investments.

Before the pandemic, instead of investing in themselves, companies chose to reward shareholders with higher dividends. During the pandemic, they did not use the profits for paying out dividends; they retained a big chunk of the profits. However, instead of investing in buildings, plants and machinery, they invested in equity shares and debt instruments. So, both before and after the outbreak, they shied away from capital investments.

The hesitancy to invest can be explained by a slowdown in the demand side of the economy. Consumer demand started to decline the year before the pandemic and worsened after the COVID-19 outbreak. This forced companies to use the increased profits to decrease their debts, pay dividends and invest in financial instruments instead of increasing productivity by making capital investments.

Chart 1 shows the new investment projects announced as a % of GDP (current prices). Since FY18, the share has remained below the 5% mark, compared to over 9% between FY05 and FY12.

Chart 2 shows corporate tax and income tax collected in India as a % of GDP. After the cut in 2019, the share of corporate tax declined dramatically, while the share of income tax gradually increased. The shift in tax burden from the corporates to the people came at a time of job losses and reduced income levels. This pushed more people into poverty.

Chart 3 shows profit after tax earned by non-financial private companies in ₹ trillion. After the tax cut, the profits of these companies rose to ₹4-5 trillion in the last two financial years from ₹1-2 trillion in many of the previous periods.

Chart 4 shows dividends paid by non-financial private companies as a share of profits earned after tax. Payouts to shareholders surged in FY20, the year before the pandemic, but reduced in the following years.

Chart 5 shows profits retained by non-financial private companies as a share of profit earned after tax. Retained profits as a % of profit after tax surged to 63% in FY22 – the highest in a decade (limited companies were analysed in FY22, so data are provisional).

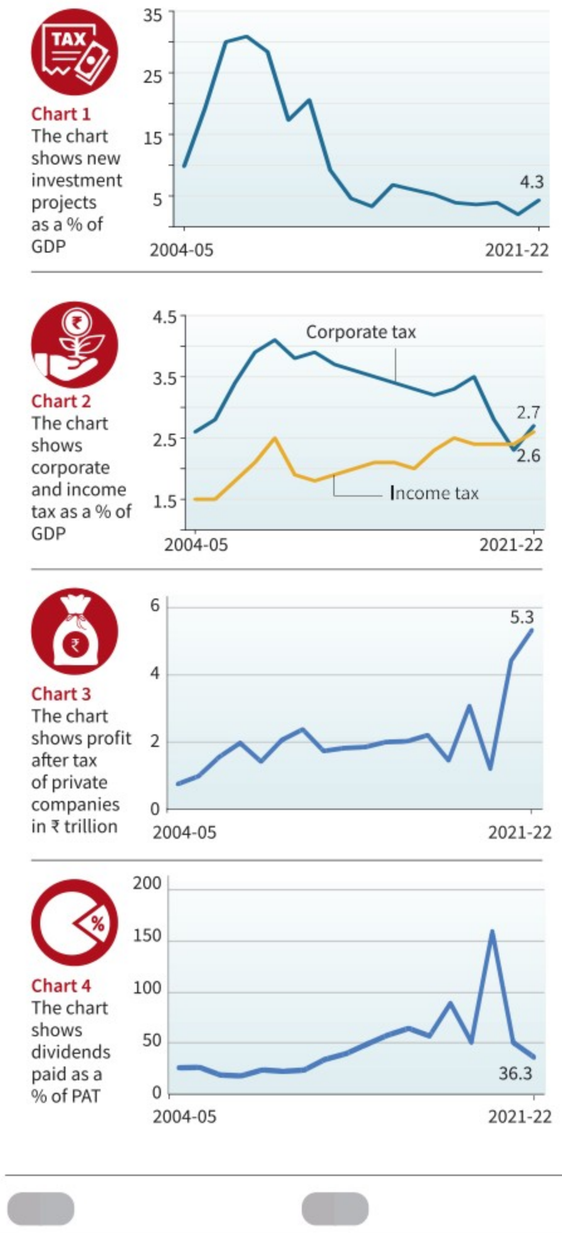
Chart 6 shows the debt-to-equity ratio of non-financial private companies. In FY21, the debt-to-equity ratio came down to 0.86 – the lowest in at least three decades. In FY22 (provisional data), it came down further to 0.71.

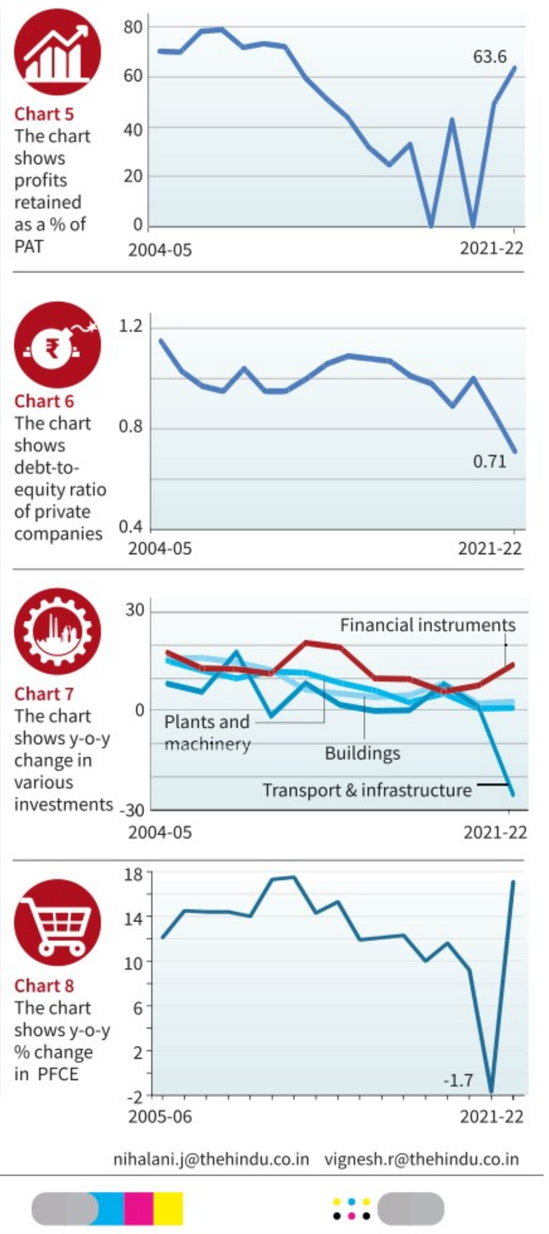
Chart 7 shows y-o-y change in the investments of non-financial private companies in fixed assets such as buildings, plants, machinery, transport and infrastructure. It also depicts the y-o-y change in investments in financial instruments such as equity, debt and mutual funds. While investment in fixed assets has declined in recent years, investment in financial instruments has surged.

Chart 8 shows y-o-y change in Private Financial Consumption Expenditure – a proxy for demand in the economy. While consumption demand was slowing down even before the pandemic, it crashed after the outbreak. The latest spike is due to low base-effect.

Subdued investments

The data for new investment projects, profit after tax (PAT), dividends, retained profits and debt-to-equity ratio were sourced from CMIE. Data for corporate and income tax were from budget documents and PFCE figures were from MOSPI





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FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 8, 1972

Ancient poisoning mystery now solved

Moscow, No. 7: A mystery of mass poisoning, which 2400 years ago put out of action a whole army of Greek warriors for several days, has been cleared up by Prof. Arstanbek Atimysher at the Kirghiz Academy of Sciences.

The Soviet scientist claims to have at his disposal a report of the ancient Greek historian Xenophon according to which the Greek soldiers sustained severe poisoning after tasting sweet honey from large numbers of beehives they discovered in the Caucasus.

The report indicates that the soldiers overcame the poisoning only after several days and were weak after a long time. According to Prof. Atimysher the nectar of snowdrop, a type of flower in the Caucasus, contain the poisonous alkaloid "lyorin" especially if they blossomed late.

The Greek soldiers appeared to have consumed honey taken from these flowers and fallen victims to it, the scientists said.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 8, 1922

Ramnad Maniaswathanthrams

Their Lordships delivered judgment to-day in an application for leave to appeal to the Privy Council filed by the Rajah of Ramnad against the judgment of the full Bench delivering his claim for maniaswathanthrams.

It was contended for the respondents (tenants) that the amount in dispute so far as they were concerned was very small being about Rs. 400 in one case and Rs. 600 in another, that no leave to appeal ought to be granted and if leave was granted at all, the appellant should be asked to pay the cost of the tenants in any event.

Their Lordships held that the High Court had no power to impose any condition on the appellant as to the payment of costs, but considering that the amount involved was a very small one so far as the tenants were concerned, they in their discretion, declined to grant the leave asked for.

Mr. A. Krishnaswamy Iyer instructed by Mr. P.S. Chandrasekara Iyer appeared for the petitioner and Mr. C.V. Anantakrishna Iyer for the respondents.

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SC, in a majority verdict, upholds EWS quota

In their minority view, Justice Bhat and Chief Justice Lalit held that though quota on the basis of economic deprivation, destitution and poverty was "per se permissible/valid" and even "constitutionally indefeasible", the "othering" of socially and educationally disadvantaged classes, including the SC/ST/OBC/SEBC communities, on the ground that they already enjoy the benefits of a pre-existing 50% reservation on the basis of their caste and class origins, would amount to heaping injustice based on their past disability. He said such an exclusion was simply "Orwellian" as the government's statistics itself showed that the "bulk of economic deprived section of the society belonged to SC/ST/SEBC/OBC". He said the SCs make up 38% of the population, STs 48.4%, and OBCs 13.86% of the 31.7 crore people living below the poverty line. Forward castes or the unreserved category make up only 5.85%.

The petitioners had argued that the exclusion of SC/ST/SEBC/OBC had left only the "middle class" among the forward castes drawing less than ₹8 lakh as annual family income to reap the benefits of the EWS quota. Justice Bhat said the exclusion from the EWS quota based on social or identity origins struck at the essence of the "non-discriminatory rule" and destroyed the equality code of the Constitution. It amounted to a "hostile discrimination" of the poorest members of society, who were already socially and educationally backward and subjected to caste discrimination.

"The court for the first time in seven decades of the Republic has sanctioned an avowedly exclusionary and discriminatory principle," he referred pointedly to the majority opinions. "Our Constitution does not speak the language of exclusion," Justice Bhat underscored. He said the poorest of poor among SC/ST/OBC/SEBC had been kept out of EWS quota on the delusion that they benefit from the existing 50% reservation and were thus "somehow more fortunate". The government, Justice Bhat said, believed that including SC/ST/OBC/SEBC members in the EWS quota would bestow them a "double benefit". Existing reservation should not be seen as a "free pass to equal opportunity" for these backward classes, he noted, but as a reparative and compensatory mechanism to level the field for those crippled by social stigmatisation.

But Justice Trivedi countered that the 103rd Amendment only created "a separate class of EWS without affecting the special right of reservation provided to SEBCs, STs, SCs and OBCs". Even the SC/ST/SEBC/OBC members had been treated as a separate category for the purpose of the 50% reservation. Now, they cannot be treated at par with citizens belonging to the general or unreserved category, Justice Trivedi said.

"The amendment certainly cannot be termed as a shocking, unscrupulous travesty of equal justice. Just as equals cannot be treated as unequals, unequals cannot be treated equally. Treating unequals as equals will offend the doctrine of equality in Article 14," Justice Trivedi reasoned.

Justice Maheshwari dismissed the argument that the 10% EWS quota would breach the ceiling limit of 50% on reservation. He said the 50% rule formed by the Supreme Court in the *Indira Sawhney* judgment in 1992 was "not inflexible". Further, it had applied only to SC/ST/SEBC/OBC communities and not the general category.

In his spirited dissent, Justice Bhat responded that permitting the breach of 50% ceiling limit would become "a gateway for further infractions and result in compartmentalisation". He kept the issue open.

Constitutional collapse in Kerala: Governor

"I am ready to come to their dharna. Don't hold it on November 15. Hold it on a day when I am in Raj Bhavan. Let us have a public debate. The Chief Minister has gone to the extent of saying that I do not know who he is. I know him as Chief Minister. I know how in Kannur he tried to free a man who was arrested by police in a murder case forcibly. And when a young IPS officer took out the revolver, what happened to Pinarayi Vijayan? He had to go home to change his clothes," he said.

On reports that the government had okayed a fee of about ₹45 lakh for advice from a constitutional expert as part of the legal measures initiated against him, Mr. Khan said that "it means that the legal system of Kerala government is totally incompetent."

SC blocks pleas seeking probe against Soren

"The allegations made are vague, very much generalised and not at all substantiated by anything worthy to be called evidence. Allegations of corruption and siphoning of money from shell companies are nothing but a bald allegation ...therefore only asking the court to direct the CBI or the ED to investigate the matter... is nothing but an abuse of the process of the court," Justice Dhulia declared.

The PILs against Mr. Soren had also alleged violations of provisions of the Representation of the People Act. Taking cognisance of the controversy, the Election Commission (EC) had sent a notice to Mr. Soren in May seeking his version on the mining lease issued in his favour while holding the Mining portfolios.

NPR needs to be updated again to incorporate changes due to birth, death, migration: Centre

No mention of CAA in annual report of Union Home Ministry; the NPR has a database of 115 crore residents and it may be updated along with the first phase of Census, which has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

There is a need to update the National Population Register (NPR) again to incorporate the changes due to birth, death and migration for which demographic and other particulars of each family and individual are to be collected, the Union Home Ministry said in its 2021-22 annual report, which was published on Monday.

Protesters at Shaheen Bagh in New Delhi to mark the two years of CAA protest in December 2021. FILE PHOTO

The NPR, first prepared in 2010 and updated in 2015 by collecting information of all usual residents of the country, has been opposed by many States ruled by BJP rivals as the register, according to the Citizenship Rules, 2003, is the first step towards compilation of a National Register of Citizens (NRC). The Union government has clarified on multiple occasions that there was no proposal to compile the NRC as of now.

The report said the NPR is prepared under various provisions of the Citizenship Rules, 2003, framed under the Citizenship Act, 1955. "In 2015, a few fields such as name, gender, date and place of birth, place of residence and father's and mother's name were updated and Aadhaar, mobile and ration card numbers were collected. To incorporate the changes due to birth, death and migration, there is a need to update it again," the Ministry said. The NPR that has a database of 115 crore residents is to be updated along with the first phase of Census that has been indefinitely postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Ministry said the NPR could be updated through self-enumeration as it is proposed to allow residents to update their own data fields after following some authentication protocols on a web portal.

CAA not mentioned

The report, a compilation of all the achievements and functions of the Ministry, however, does not mention the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), 2019. The legislation, which fast-tracks the citizenship of six non-Muslim undocumented communities from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh who entered India before December 31, 2014, is yet to be implemented as the rules have not been framed yet.

The 2020-21 report had said that the CAA is a "compassionate and ameliorative legislation" which does not apply to Indian citizens and "therefore, it does not in any way take away or abridge the rights of any Indian citizen".

After the CAA was passed, there were apprehensions that if and when a country-wide NRC is done, non-Muslims excluded from the proposed citizens' register will benefit while excluded Muslims will have to prove their citizenship. The government has denied that the CAA and the NRC are linked. As many as 83 persons were killed in protests and riots from December 2019 to March 2020 in Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Meghalaya and Delhi after the CAA was passed.

In the COVID-hit year of 2021, from April to December, 1,414 citizenship certificates were granted to members of non-Muslim communities from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, the report said. The report said that the Union government delegated its powers to grant Indian citizenship by registration or naturalisation with respect of foreigners belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Christian or Parsi community from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who entered India on valid passport and visa to Collectors of 29 districts and Home Secretaries of nine States.

"The delegation (of powers) will speed up the process of granting Indian citizenship to aforesaid category of migrants as the decision would be taken at local level," the report said. As many as 2,439 Long-Term Visas (LTVs) were granted by MHA for minority communities from three neighbouring countries between March-December 2021. "This includes Pakistan (2,193), Afghanistan (237) and Bangladesh (9)," the report said. The LTV is a precursor to Indian citizenship.

'FCRA changes aim to stop unproductive NGO spending'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act was amended in 2020 to discourage expenditure by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on "unproductive items" such as inflated staff salaries and luxury vehicles, the Union Home Ministry said in its 2021-22 annual report.

The Ministry said that the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2020 was passed by Parliament in September 2020 and notified on September 28 that year.

"The amendments would help effectively monitor the receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution," it said.

It said provisions such as Aadhaar of key functionaries of NGOs, receipt of foreign contribution only through designated FCRA bank accounts with the State Bank of India, a complete ban on domestic transfer of foreign funds and reduction of administrative expense limit to 20% from 50% "would ensure exact identification of office-bearers and eliminate chances of *benami*/bogus entry and would discourage expenditure on unproductive items like inflated staff salaries, posh buildings and office and luxurious vehicles".

Gujarat HC seeks report on bridge collapse

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat High Court on Monday took *suo motu* cognisance of the bridge collapse in Morbi that claimed 140 lives and sought a report from the State in 10 days. The bridge collapsed on October 30.

A Division Bench issued notices to the government through the Chief Secretary, Home Department, Commissioner of Municipalities, Morbi Municipality, Collector and Human Rights Commission and re-listed it on November 14.
(With inputs from PTI)

SC acquits three men on death row for gang rape, murder

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday acquitted three men sentenced to death on charges of abduction, gang rape and murder of a 19-year-old woman in Delhi in 2012, saying that the lack of clinching evidence and glaring lapses in the trial leaves the court no alternative but to let them go free.

"It may be true that if the accused involved in the heinous crime go unpunished or are acquitted, a kind of agony and frustration may be caused to the society in general and to the family of the victim in particular, however the law does not permit the courts to punish the accused on the basis of moral conviction or on suspicion alone... Every case has to be decided by the courts strictly on merits and in accordance with law without being influenced by any kind of outside moral pressures," a Bench of Chief Justice U.U. Lalit and Justices S. Ravindra Bhat and Bela M. Trivedi observed.

The court said the victim's family would be entitled to compensation, though the accused were acquitted.

Supporters of Patidar quota in Gujarat welcome verdict

Press Trust of India
AHMEDABAD

Leaders from different political parties and those who led the 2015 Patidar quota agitation welcomed the Supreme Court's decision on Monday.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who is the Congress's senior observer for the upcoming Gujarat election, said the judgment would help the poor people get justice. "I welcome the Supreme Court judgment. This will help the poor get justice. Our spirit should be that a poor person, irrespective of which community he belongs to, gets justice," he said in Vadodara.

BJP leader and Gujarat's former Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel said the Supreme Court verdict would put an end to the agitations that were seen in the past in many States, including Gujarat. "The provisions (of 10% EWS quota) upheld by the Supreme Court will strengthen the country's unity. The entire country is happy about this. I also welcome the verdict," Mr. Patel said.

BJP leader Hardik Patel, the former convener of the Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti that led the community's agitation for reservation in 2015, said members of 68 communities would get the quota benefits. "The decision taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been upheld by the Supreme Court. Members of 68 communities will get benefits in education and jobs. I feel proud that people will be benefited by our (quota) agitation," he said.

The Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Gujarat president, Gopal Italia, welcomed the verdict and said a demand for the same was led by the Patidar community members and the State's youth like Alpesh Kathiriya, now an AAP leader.

Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra enters Maharashtra

Abhinay Deshpande
NANDED

The entire town of Degloor in Nanded district of Maharashtra was aglow with *mashals* (flaming torches) as the Bharat Jodo Yatra spearheaded by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi arrived here on Monday.

More than 3,000 torches were lit to welcome the Wayanad MP in the manner befitting the Maharashtrian tradition at the giant statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

The *yatra* entered the State from Telangana, where he carried on his walkathon for 15 days.

Addressing a huge gathering, Mr. Gandhi said, "Come what may, no force on earth can stop the *yatra* until it reaches the destination at Srinagar as scheduled. The transient impediments caused by inimical forces or natural calamities will not deter me."

Rahul Gandhi in Nanded district as he began his Maharashtra leg of Bharat Jodo Yatra on Monday. ABHINAY DESHPANDE

He took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for being "insensitive" to the rising prices of essential commodities and fuel.

From the Shivaji statue, Mr. Gandhi walked for nine km and offered prayers at Gurdwara Yaadgari Baba Zoravar Singh ji, Fate Singh Ji at Vanali.

Mr. Gandhi will try to ride the wave of discontent over issues such as farmers' suicide, 'failure' of the current political dispensation to support farmers who suffered losses due to heavy rain, unemployment and the flight of big ticket industries to Gujarat. He will address two public rallies in Nanded and Shegaon on November 10 and 18, respectively.

Former Chief Minister Ashok Chavan expressed confidence that the *yatra* would strengthen the organisational structure of the party. He said Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi leader Prakash Ambedkar's comments on the *yatra* were an indication on who would play spoilsport in the coming Assembly and Lok Sabha elections.

"When nothing has been broken in India, the need of binding does not arise," Mr. Ambedkar recently commented on the *yatra*.

AAP announces 12 more candidates for Gujarat election

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AHMEDABAD

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Monday announced 12 more candidates, including former Patidar quota leader Alpesh Kathiriya, for the upcoming Gujarat Assembly election. The Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP, which has been trying to project itself as the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's main contender in Gujarat, released its 11th list of candidates.

With this, it has so far declared 130 candidates for polls to the 182-member Gujarat Assembly which will be held in two phases on December 1 and 5. The counting of votes will be on December 8.

Mr. Kathiriya has been given ticket to contest from the Patidar-dominated Varachha Road seat in Surat city, currently held by former Minister and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA Kishor Kanani. Mr. Kathiriya was a close aide of quota spearhead Hardik Patel, who joined the BJP earlier this year after quitting the Congress. Another Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti (PAAS) leader Dharmik Malaviya has been chosen for the Olpad seat in Surat, also held by the BJP.

The other AAP candidates to contest areB.T. Maheshwari (Gandhidham seat), M.K. Bombadiya (Danta), Ramesh Nabhani (Palanpur), Mukesh Thakkar (Kankrej), Lalji Thakor (Radhanpur), Rajendrasinh Parmar (Modasa) and Umesh Makwana (Botad).

Rahul Bhuva and Dinesh Joshi will contest from Rajkot East and Rajkot West seats respectively, while Bhimabhai Makwana has been chosen to contest from Porbandar's Kutiyana seat, currently held by the NCP. The AAP had won 27 seats in the Surat Municipal Corporation last year.

Census, NPR sites declared 'protected system'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The websites and applications related to the decennial Census exercise and the National Population Register (NPR) were on Monday notified as "protected system" or "Critical Information Infrastructure" under the Information Technology Act, 2008.

The notification means that any tampering or unauthorised access to the data associated with Census applications, NPR database or the data centres of the Registrar General of India (RGI) will be punishable by 10 years imprisonment.

The RGI notified on Monday that under Section 70 of the IT Act, the Central government declares the "computer resources relating to the Census Monitoring & Management Svstem (CMMS) Web Portal. Self Enumeration (SE) Web Portal.

'Reservation as a concept can't be ruled out in private institutions'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, who led the majority opinions on the five-judge Bench which upheld the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota on Monday, held that "the 103rd Constitution Amendment which permits the state to make special provisions cannot be said to breach the Basic Structure of the Constitution".

Justice Maheshwari was addressing the "impact" of the amendment, which introduced the EWS quota on admissions to private unaided institutions.

Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, who authored the minority opinion for himself and Chief Justice U.U. Lalit, also observed that "reservations in private institutions is not *per se* violative of the Basic Structure [of the Constitution]".

Justice Bhat reasoned that reservations as a concept cannot be ruled out in private institutions where education is imparted. "Unaided private institutions, including those imparting professional education, cannot be seen as standing out of the national mainstream," Justice Bhat observed.

Reservation policy cannot continue indefinitely, says SC

Justice P.B. Pardiwala says real solution lies in eliminating the causes that have led to the social, educational and economic backwardness of the weaker sections of the community

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Three judges on the Constitution Bench, in views which formed both the majority and minority opinions, said the policy of reservation in education and employment cannot continue for an indefinite period.

Justice Bela M. Trivedi, who was part of the majority judgment, said the reservation policy must have a time span. "At the end of 75 years of our Independence, we need to revisit the system of reservation in the larger interest of the society as a whole, as a step forward towards transformative constitutionalism," Justice Trivedi said.

She pointed out that quota for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the House of the People and in State Legislative Assemblies would cease 80 years from the commencement of the Constitution. The representation of Anglo-Indian communities in Parliament and Assemblies has already stopped by virtue of the 104th Constitutional Amendment from January 25, 2020. "Therefore, a similar time limit, if prescribed, for the special provisions in respect of the reservations and representations provided in Article 15 and Article 16 of the Constitution, it could be a way forward leading to an egalitarian, casteless and classless society," Justice Trivedi observed.

Though not expressly said, Justice Trivedi's view on stopping quota under Articles 15 and 16 would also encompass EWS reservation.

Justice P.B. Pardiwala said "reservation is not an end but a means – a means to secure social and economic justice. Reservation should not be allowed to become a vested interest. Real solution, however, lies in eliminating the causes that have led to the social, educational and economic backwardness of the weaker sections of the community".

He said "long-standing development and the spread of education" had resulted in tapering the gap between the classes to a considerable extent. Large percentages of Backward Class members attain acceptable standards of education and employment. They should be removed from the Backward categories so that attention could be paid toward those genuinely in need of help.

"It is very much necessary to take into review the method of identification and the ways of determination of Backward Classes, and also, ascertain whether the criteria adopted or applied for the classification of Backward is relevant for today's conditions," Justice Pardiwala said.

In his minority view on the Bench, Justice S. Ravindra Bhat reminded Baba Saheb Ambedkar's observations that reservations should be seen as temporary and exceptional "or else they would eat up the rule of equality".

Case study

The chronology of events leading to the Supreme Court judgment on 10% reservation to people belonging to the economically weaker section (EWS) in admissions and government jobs

- **Jan. 8, 2019:** Lok Sabha clears the 103rd Constitution Amendment Bill
- **Jan. 9:** Rajya Sabha also clears the Bill
- **Jan. 12:** Ministry of Law and Justice issues notice, saying President Ram Nath Kovind has given assent
- **Feb.:** Law challenged in SC

- **Feb. 6:** SC issues notice to govt. on pleas challenging amendment
- **Feb. 8:** Declines to stay 10% EWS quota
- **Sept. 8, 2022:** Bench constituted to hear appeals
- **Sept. 13:** SC starts hearing arguments
- **Sept. 27:** SC reserves order
- **Nov. 7:** SC, by majority of 3:2, upholds validity of 103rd Constitution amendment providing 10% quota to EWS in admissions, govt. jobs

'Up to state to set norms to identify the beneficiaries of EWS quota'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The majority judgment of the Constitution Bench on Monday held that the lack of guidelines to identify economic backwardness under the 10% EWS quota cannot be used to question the 103rd Amendment.

"The question as to whether any particular classification as economically weaker section is based on relevant data and factors as also the extent of reservation for that section could be matters of consideration as and when arising, but for these and akin grounds, the Constitutional Amendment moderately expanding the enabling power of the state, cannot be questioned," Justice Dinesh Maheshwari reasoned.

The judge left it to the state to set parameters to identify the beneficiaries of the EWS quota. "The question as to whether any particular section or person falls within the class of 'economically weaker sections of citizens' may be a question to be determined with reference to the parameters laid down and indicators taken into consideration by the state," he observed.

Congress takes credit for initiating process on EWS reservation

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Welcoming the Supreme Court verdict to uphold the 10% reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of society, the Congress on Monday said that the process was initiated by the Manmohan Singh government.

The principal Opposition party also said the Narendra Modi government was yet to clarify its position on an updated caste census.

In a statement, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh claimed that the Bill to provide quota to the EWS was ready as far back as 2014 but the Modi government took five years to implement it.

"The Indian National Congress welcomes today's Supreme Court judgment upholding the 103rd Constitutional Amendment that provides for 10% reservation quota for Economically Weaker Sections belonging to castes other than Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and OBCs. The amendment itself was the result of a process initiated by Dr. Manmohan Singh's government in 2005-06 with the appointment of the Sinho Commission that submitted its report in July 2010," Mr. Ramesh said.

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> **JAIRAM RAMESH**
> Congress leader

"Thereafter, widespread consultations were held and the Bill was ready by 2014. It took the Modi *sarkar* five years to get the Bill enacted," he added. "It also bears mention here that the Socio Economic and Caste Census was completed by 2012, when I myself was the Union Rural Development Minister. The Modi *sarkar* has yet to clarify its position on an updated caste census, something that the Congress party supports and demands," Mr. Ramesh noted.

Setback to century-old struggle for social justice: Tamil Nadu CM Stalin

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Terming the Supreme Court's verdict upholding reservation for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) a setback to the century-old fight for social justice, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday said he would consult legal experts to chalk out the future course of action.

Mr. Stalin called upon political parties and like-minded organisations from Tamil Nadu, which was instrumental in making the first amendment to the Constitution for reservation, to come together to protect social justice.

The DMK government was one of the parties to the case and had decided not to provide the EWS quota for government jobs.

The petitioners argued that the 10% reservation for economically weaker forward classes was an affront to the constitutional goal of a casteless society. Senior advocate P. Wilson argued that the concept of reservation was meant to achieve social justice and not economic justice. "Reservation was meant as a cure for historical discrimination impeding access of backward classes to public administration and education... Poverty as an exclusive test cannot be the basis of reservation," he said.

Verdict may seal fate of challenge to T.N. quota law, Justice Bhat cautions

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, who authored the minority view on the five-judge Bench on Monday, said upholding the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota will run the danger of "sealing the fate" of a pending challenge to the 69% reservation in Tamil Nadu without the benefit of a hearing.

Sounding a "cautionary note" to fellow judges who formed the majority on the Bench, Justice Bhat and Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said the creation of 10% Economically Weaker Section reservation over and above the 50% existing quota has a "direct bearing" on the "likely outcome" of the litigation against the 69% reservation in Tamil Nadu.

The judge said the breach of the 50% limit is the principal ground of attack against the 76th Constitutional Amendment of 1994 which inserted, as Entry 257A, the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and of Appointments or Posts in the Services under the State) Act, 1993 in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution.

The Tamil Nadu quota law of 1993 was challenged by a student, C.V. Gayathri.

EWS quota verdict historic, a victory for PM's mission: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bharatiya Janata Party leaders and Ministers on Monday lauded the Supreme Court verdict upholding the validity of the 103rd Constitution Amendment providing 10% reservation to people belonging to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in admissions and government jobs.

The party said it was a "historic victory" for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission to provide social justice to the country's poor.

BJP national general secretary (organisation) B.L. Santosh tweeted: "Supreme Court upholds the legality of EWS reservation for unreserved sections. Another big credit for PM Narendra Modi's vision of 'Gareeb Kalyan' (benefiting the poor). A big boost in the direction of social justice."

Dharmendra Pradhan

A slap on face

Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan said the new India under the leadership of Mr. Modi was not only upholding the rights of underprivileged sections but also making efforts to ensure everyone got equal opportunities.

"The Supreme Court's nod to uphold 10% reservation for the EWS is a slap on the face of parties with vested interests who have tried to sow discord amongst citizens with their propaganda," he said.

Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture Meenakshi Lekhi said, "The SC's affirmation today supports Prime Minister's vision of creating a society that seeks to support its poor."

Senior leader Vasundhara Raje and general secretary C.T. Ravi hailed the judgment and said the verdict was yet another victory for Mr. Modi's mission.

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said the Prime Minister was working towards making every citizen empowered.

Poorer sections of Marathas will benefit, says Fadnavis

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday said the 10% reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections would be applicable for the poorer sections of the Maratha community and minorities.

"In Maharashtra, there is the long-pending question of Maratha reservation. Now, poorer sections of the Maratha community as well as minorities will be eligible for reservation under the EWS quota. The SC's decision has opened new avenues in education and employment for the poor who do not get reservation on caste basis," he said.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde welcomed the judgment and thanked the Centre for its efforts to bring the poor into the mainstream.

However, Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi leader Prakash Ambedkar, the grandson of B.R. Ambedkar, dubbed the judgment "intellectually corrupt" and one that "cannot be sustained under any circumstances". He said it was akin to the introduction of *Manusmriti* by a backdoor method.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.09.2022	30.09.2021	31.03.2022	30.09.2022	30.09.2021	31.03.2022
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total Income	549.96	442.75	1,836.86	8,971.74	6,802.99	25,625.15
2	Net Profit before tax (before Exceptional Items)	35.33	30.47	177.89	556.89	374.82	1,196.15
3	Net Profit before tax (after Exceptional Items)	63.28	42.16	2,300.49	584.75	385.54	1,184.20
4	Net Profit after tax (after Exceptional Items)	49.14	36.75	2,276.69	394.28	271.28	824.49
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	49.42	31.84	2,273.57	410.53	212.92	824.30
6	Paid up Equity share Capital (Face value of Rs.5/- each)	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	2,890.24	-	-	5,069.12
8	Security Premium Account	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42
9	Networth	2,971.23	2,251.42	2,893.66	5,372.92	4,217.21	4,950.88
10	Outstanding Debt (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	726.63	617.88	732.64	2,847.06	2,534.25	3,065.81
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary, including exceptional item)	0.24	0.27	0.25	2.12	1.28	2.00
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Rs.5/- each) (not annualised) (In Rs.) (i) Basic (ii) Diluted	24.29 24.29	18.16 18.16	1,125.29 1,125.29	104.91 104.91	73.30 73.30	217.84 217.84
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	1.58	1.24	1.97	3.70	4.48	3.08
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	6.29	6.55	7.57	11.67	15.09	6.90

Notes :

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchanges websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.sundaram-clayton.com).

2 During the quarter ended 30th September 2022, the Company has acquired 50.05% stake of Sundaram Holding USA Inc., USA. Consequent to this acquisition Sundaram Holding USA Inc., USA and its four subsidiaries have become wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company.

3 The Company has prepared these standalone and consolidated financial results in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.

For Sundaram-Clayton Limited

Place : Chennai
Date : 7th November 2022

R.Gopalan
Chairman

INBRIEF

SC dismisses plea against HC order disqualifying SP MLA

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea against an Allahabad High Court decision setting aside the election of Mohammad Abdullah Azam Khan, son of Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Azam Khan, to the Uttar Pradesh Assembly in 2017. A Bench led by Justice Ajay Rastogi found no manifest error in the High Court decision, which concerned the existence of two birth certificates of Abdullah Azam, who allegedly gave the wrong date of birth while filing his nomination papers for the 2017 elections. The High Court had concluded that he was under 25 years of age and not eligible to contest at the time of filing the nomination papers as the SP candidate from the Suar constituency in 2017.

Andaman gang-rape case: SIT arrives in Chennai for probe

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Andaman gang-rape case arrived in Chennai on Monday, looking for Sandeep Singh alias Rinku, one of the suspects in the case. The team arrived on information that the suspect's father was admitted to a hospital in the city. The Andaman police had issued a lookout notice against Rinku in the case. His name figured in the First Information Report along with other officials, including the former Chief Secretary of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Jitendra Narain. The Calcutta High Court on Friday rejected the anticipatory bail plea of Rinku,sources added.

Jaishankar to meet Russian Ministers on Moscow visit

Minister's first visit to the country since the war in Ukraine began comes amid speculation that India will mediate between the two countries; discussions on trade and regional issues expected

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will meet with Russian Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Moscow on Tuesday, during his first visit to Russia since the war in Ukraine began, and amid a number of US-based reports on a possible role for India to mediate in the conflict.

Mr. Jaishankar's meeting with Mr. Manturov, who is also the Minister for Trade and Industry, will focus on improving bilateral economic cooperation at a time when India-Russia bilateral trade has reportedly tripled, and Indian imports of Russian oil have grown more than 20 times in the past year.

"The talks [between Mr. Jaishankar and counterparts] will focus on the trade and investments, transport and logistics, the use of national currencies in mutual settlements, as well as promising projects in the energy sector, especially in the Arctic shelf and the Russian Far East," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement about Mr. Jaishankar's visit, where he will hold talks on the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation with Mr. Manturov.

Further talks: Jaishankar had met Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on the sidelines of the 77th United Nations General Assembly in New York City on September 24. REUTERS

Cooperation at multilateral formats including the UN, SCO, G-20 and Russia-India-China dialogues will also be on the agenda for talks. India's steadfast refusal to vote against Russia at any of the United Nations votes about the war in Ukraine has been appreciated by Moscow.

In talks with Mr. Lavrov, Mr. Jaishankar is expected to discuss regional issues and raise India's concerns about the continuing war and the worry of food and fuel shortages as a result of the violence and sanctions. Speculation has been growing about a possible role for India in mediating between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. "Our position on the conflict in Ukraine is pretty clear. We have always emphasized on the need for return to dialogue and diplomacy. I'm sure that External Affairs Minister would certainly be reiterating. But beyond that, I cannot say what they will discuss or what not," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, when asked about whether Mr. Jaishankar would speak to Mr. Lavrov about ending the war.

India asks China to ensure medical students' training

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

At least 1,300 Indian students have been granted visas to return to China to resume their studies

India on Monday said it had raised with Chinese authorities and medical colleges the issue of adequate training and preparation for the thousands of Indian students in China to ensure their compliance with new eligibility rules for practice in India.

"The [Indian] Embassy has apprised the Chinese authorities concerned and medical colleges with a request that they should ensure that all Indian students coming to China for clinical medicine program are educated, trained and facilitated so that they can fulfill the above requirements of National Medical Commission," the Indian Embassy here said in a statement.

The statement reminded current and prospective medical students in China – there were as many as 23,000 Indian students enrolled in the country before the pandemic – that any student "who joins for clinical medicine program in China after November 2021 and fails to obtain license to practice as a medical doctor in China, will be rendered ineligible to appear for Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE)" in India.

A Gazette notification dated November 18, 2021 from the NMC stated that foreign medical students needed to be licensed for practice in the country where their degree was awarded to be able to sit for the FMGE exam.

The latest advisory followed queries from concerned students on the new rules.India in September had issued another advisory for students, reminding them of the November 2021 rules and that only 45 universities in China were officially designated by the Ministry of Education to accept foreign clinical medicine students.

Students were also informed that they were required to complete an internship in China and clear the Chinese Medical qualification examination and obtain a physician qualification certificate to be able to appear for the mandated FMGE test in India.

The September advisory also noted some of the issues faced by students in China. "One of the most common challenge is the English language skills of Chinese teachers in these universities," it said. "Few students have also complained about lack of practical/clinical experience in terms of engaging with patients in certain universities."

It also noted a study showing only 6,387 out of 40,417 students who appeared in FMG Examination from 2015 to 2021 cleared it, while the pass percentage of Indian students who have studied clinical medicine programme in China in that period in these 45 universities was only 16%.

China's Foreign Ministry on Monday said "at least 1,300 Indian students" had been granted visas to return to China. "The communication channels between Indian students and Chinese universities are smooth," spokesperson Zhao Lijian said in response to questions about many students still awaiting no-objection certificates from their universities, required for visa applications.

U.K. court grants India's request for extradition of middleman Sanjay Bhandari

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A United Kingdom Magistrate court on Monday cleared the request for extradition of middleman Sanjay Bhandari to India – in connection with the money laundering and tax evasion charges – for a final decision by the Secretary of State. The accused may challenge the verdict in a higher court of appeal.

"As I am satisfied that extradition is compatible with the defendant's Convention rights, I must send this case to the Secretary of State for a decision as to whether the defendant is to be extradited," said District Judge Michael Snow in his order related to two requests of the Indian government for Mr. Bhandari's extradition.

Sanjay Bhandari

The first plea, sent on April 15, 2020, pertained to the money laundering offence being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the second dated June 2, 2021, was on allegations of tax evasion under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Asset) and Imposition of Tax Act and the Income Tax Act. The money laundering case was based on the Income Tax Department's findings.

The first part of the hearing had taken place between March 3-9, 2022. The Indian government submitted that Mr. Bhandari had allegedly acquired significant income outside India and bought assets in overseas territories without making disclosure of the same to the Indian tax authorities. Also, he did not avail himself of a one-time "compliance opportunity" provided between July 1, 2015, and September 30, 2015, with respect to the Black Money Act.

The probe agencies alleged that funds were disguised in properties held through offshore entities based in the British Virgin Islands and Panama. He also faces investigations in other cases.

Court asks Twitter to block Cong. handles

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A civil and sessions court here on Monday directed Twitter Inc. to temporarily block the social media accounts of the Congress – @INCIndia and @Bharatjodo – till November 21 for unauthorised use of the copyrighted sound records of the film *KGF Chapter-2* in the party's Bharat Jodo campaign.

The court also appointed a Commissioner to visit the websites of Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Supriya Shrinate, and conduct an electronic audit of social media accounts and preserve the infringing materials found on these media.

The court restrained the party, its leaders, and their managers and agents from using the pirated copies of copyrighted works.

Electoral bond scheme amended, sale from tomorrow

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh polls, the Centre on Monday amended the Electoral Bond Scheme to grant itself the power to spell out an extra fortnight of electoral bond sales in years when States and Union Territories with a legislature have polls, and used the power to open a fresh one-week window for issuing such bonds starting November 9.

The Electoral Bond Scheme was introduced in 2018 as an alternative to cash donations to political parties, and the government had notified a 10-day window in October this year for the 22nd tranche of such bonds issued and encashed solely by the State Bank of India (SBI).

The Finance Ministry on Monday notified changes to the scheme to introduce a new para that stated: "An additional period of 15 days shall be specified by the Central government in the year of general elections to the Legislative Assembly of States and Union territories with Legislature."

The Ministry said the SBI had been authorised "in the XXIII Phase of sale" to issue and encash Electoral Bonds through its authorised branches.

"The Electoral Bonds shall be valid for 15 calendar days from the date of issue and no payment shall be made to any payee political party if the Electoral Bond is deposited after expiry of the validity period. The Electoral Bond deposited by an eligible political party shall be credited on the same day," it said.

Ex-CJ Awasthi is Law Commission chief

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Retired High Court Chief Justice Rituraj Awasthi was on Monday appointed chairperson of the Law Commission, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said.

Justice K.T. Sankaran, Professor Anand Paliwal, Professor D.P. Verma, Professor Raka Arya and M. Karunanithi have been appointed members of the commission. "The Central government is pleased to appoint Justice Rituraj Awasthi, retired HC chief justice as chairperson, Law Commission of India...," Mr. Rijiju tweeted.

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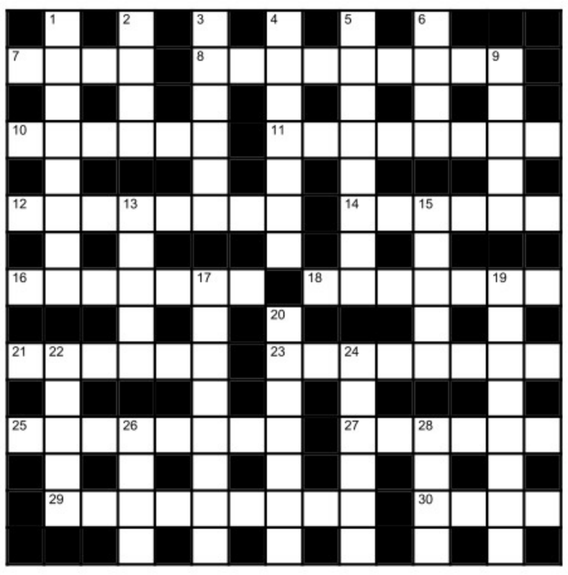

Across

7 Hear irritated bird (4)
8 Oddly she lasted, without passing away (9)
10 take two more making a dozen (6)
11 Criminal gets bird having, for starters, unique device estimating height (8)
12 Only two pieces of croissant can be eaten. Believable? (8)
14 Drones carrying Greek letter and chickpea preparation (6)
16 Nobleman on eastern ship lacking auditory organ (7)
18 Good for pipe (7)
21 Market a bar travelling across South Africa (6)
23 Inspiration from a note by American (8)
25 Predict toll free sailing (8)
27 Regular user of drug did act horribly (6)
29 Source of sugar, perhaps, put on hot cooking device for musical composer (9)
30 Attack and injure male endlessly around university (4)

Down

1 Author's appendage holding a meat preparation (8)
2 Fellow gets everything in season before winter in the US (4)
3 Flying weaverbird drops wire softly, for example (6)
4 2 getting Arabian frying equipment initially to make some deep fried food (7)
5 Not this actress Maggie, perhaps (8)
6 Touched soft material (4)
9 Religious man in Valsad hut (5)
13 Worried old man giving away quarter for stuffed food (5)
15 Press, for example, part of chrome dial (5)
17 Mistaken cheer behind supreme court accompanied with bit of yelling is high pitched (8)
19 Copper eats egg with sauce in the beginning... Twice... And gets North African dish popular in the Middle East (8)
20 Endlessly bake, with some pieces of lard, vanilla dessert (7)
22 Strangely Mao recruited bachelor boy to make nuclear device (1-4)
24 Show off apartment built around centre of Guna (6)
26 Sword held by obese peer (4)
28 Wet wrinkled diploma without using oil (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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4	3	6	7	2	8	1	5	9
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FAITH

Guru Nanak's vision

From time immemorial, man has been seeking ways and means of living this life fully and yet attain the Lord's feet. He looks for guidance from saints, precepts, philosophers and gurus. One such guiding light was Guru Nanak, founder of the Sikh faith. Born in 1469, in Talwandi (Nankana Sahib) in Pakistan, his father was in the employ of Rai Bular, a Muslim Bhatti Rajput and squire of the village. Introspective and meditative by nature, he was drawn to the company of wandering mystics much to the dismay of his parents. All they wanted was for him to prosper in the material world, to which end they conducted his marriage when he was about 20 years. Fathering two sons, and taking up a job as store-keeper to the chief of Sultanpur (near present-day Kapurthala), did not keep him from his destiny, which was to show mankind how to lead a spiritual life from the confines of a homemaker. His deep rumination on philosophy and all religions and yoga soon culminated in divine revelation, when he went for his customary dip in the rivulet Bien, says Professor Gurubachan Singh Talib, in his book, *Selections from the Holy Granth*.

His first utterance, after divine revelation, "There is no Hindu and no Mussalman" is the essence of His teachings. All human beings are born equal and divisions along the lines of caste or creed are not only false but also futile. Travelling far and wide – to the Himalayas, the Persian countries and as far south as Sri Lanka – He preached the need to do away with ostentation and to follow humanitarian principles. By combining the simplest and doable practices from prevailing faiths He built His own vision of the Infinite.

SEOUL

South Korea's Moon seeks to give up dogs gifted by Kim Jong-un

South Korea's former President Moon Jae-in is seeking to give up two dogs gifted to him by North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, citing a lack of support from Seoul. The white Pungsan dogs were given to Mr. Moon by Mr. Kim after their third summit in Pyongyang in September 2018 as a token of their blossoming friendship. REUTERS

PYIN OO LWIN

Myanmar's hot-air balloon festival returns with a bang after two years

Thousands gathered in the hills of central Myanmar for the annual Tazaungdaing light festival that marks the end of the rainy season with a fiery night-time display of exploding hot-air balloons. The celebrations had not been held for two years because of COVID-19 and unrest following a military coup. AFP

BUKOBA

Families of Tanzania plane crash victims to receive compensation

Grieving Tanzanians paid emotional tribute on Monday to 19 persons killed when a passenger plane plunged into Lake Victoria. Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, who was at the event, said the government would pay for the funeral of the victims in addition to providing one million Tanzanian shillings ($430) to their families. AFP

JAKARTA

Number of syrup medicine-related child deaths in Indonesia at 195

Indonesia said on Monday the number of child deaths from kidney failure or damage linked to harmful substances found in syrup medicines has risen to 195. The Southeast Asian country has seen a spike in cases of acute kidney injury (AKI) since August, prompting a probe and subsequent ban on all liquid medicine sales. AFP

We're on highway to climate hell, UN chief says at COP-27

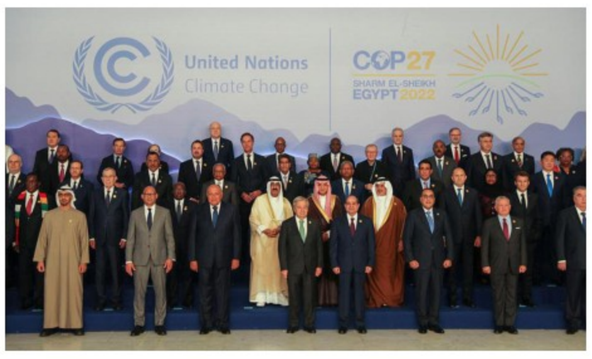
UAE President says his country will keep producing fossil fuels as long as there is a market for it in the world. The OPEC nation is scheduled to host next year's edition of the climate summit

Reuters
SHARM EL-SHEIKH

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said at the COP-27 summit in Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt that the planet is fast approaching tipping points that will make climate chaos irreversible and that its people were set on a highway to climate hell.

"Greenhouse gas emissions keep growing. Global temperatures keep rising. And our planet is fast approaching tipping points that will make climate chaos irreversible," he said. "We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator."

Despite decades of climate talks – the Egypt COP is the 27th Conference of the Parties – progress has been insufficient to save the planet from excessive warming as countries are too slow or reluctant to act, he noted.



Renewed vows: World leaders posing for a photo during the COP-27 climate summit in Egypt on Monday. REUTERS

Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, also speaking at the event, said global leaders have a credibility problem when it comes to climate change. He criticised developed nations' ongoing pursuit of gas resources in Africa, which he described as "fossil fuel colonialism."

Immediately after Mr. Guterres' speech, UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahya took the stage and said his country, a member of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), would continue to produce fossil fuels for as long as there is a need.

"The UAE is considered a responsible supplier of energy and it will continue playing this role as long as the world is in need of oil and gas," he said. The UAE will host next year's UN conference.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said that climate and energy security went "hand in hand" and world leaders must act quickly to address the impacts of climate change.

Sunak speaks

"Climate security goes hand in hand with energy security," Mr. Sunak said. "Putin's abhorrent war in Ukraine, and rising energy prices across the world are not a reason to go slow on climate change. They are a reason to act faster."

Mr. Guterres said that the goal of keeping the global temperatures from rising 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels will only stay alive if the world can achieve net zero emissions by 2050. He asked countries to agree to phase out the use of coal, by 2040 globally.

Biden, Trump rally troops on eve of crucial midterms

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden and Donald Trump headline a frantic last day of campaigning on Monday on the eve of a midterm election that will shape the rest of the U.S. President's term – and could pave the way for a White House comeback by his predecessor.

After months of divisive campaigning, Mr. Biden and Democrats face a gargantuan struggle to hang on to Congress, in a race that he has cast as a "defining" moment for American democracy – though kitchen-table issues like inflation have largely dominated voters' minds.

Republican edge

Republicans appear set to snatch a majority on Tuesday in the lower House of Representatives, and many Democrats fear the Senate also slipping away in a defeat that would see Mr. Biden's foes in near total charge of legislation during his next two years as President.

Photo 'canvas': Joe Biden along with supporters during a rally for Democratic candidates in New York on Sunday. AFP

Polls show most Americans are anxious about the economy and feel the country is on the wrong track, emboldening Republican candidates in districts that once looked out of reach.

With all 435 seats in the House of Representatives up for grabs alongside a third of the 100-member Senate and a slew of state posts, Democrats were putting a brave face on their prospects.

Democratic candidates have been lent star power on the campaign trail by the party's most popular elder statesmen, including presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton.

Spotlight on Trump

Republicans have tapped a narrower roster of their own big hitters, with the spotlight turning in recent weeks to Mr. Trump – who has been teasing a probable new presidential run in 2024.

Mr. Biden and Mr. Trump go head-to-head on election eve. The President holds a rally in Maryland while Mr. Trump will campaign in a turbulent U.S. Senate race in Ohio.

'Putin's chef' admits to interfering in U.S. elections

Associated Press
MOSCOW

Yevgeny Prigozhin, an entrepreneur known as "Putin's chef" because of his catering contracts with the Kremlin, on Monday admitted he had interfered in U.S. elections and said he would continue to do so – for the first time confirming the accusations he has been rejecting for years.

"We have interfered, are interfering and will continue to interfere. Carefully, precisely, surgically and in our own way," Mr. Prigozhin said in remarks posted by his spokespeople on social media.

Mr. Prigozhin, a dozen other Russian nationals and three Russian companies were charged with operating a covert social media campaign aimed at fomenting discord and dividing American public opinion ahead of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

They were indicted in 2018 as part of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election interference.

Mr. Prigozhin had denied involvement in election interference until now. He also previously denied ties to the Wagner mercenary force, but in September admitted to founding and financing it in 2014 and started speaking openly about its involvement in the war in Ukraine.

U.K. Trade Minister's visit to Taiwan angers China

Agence France-Presse
TAIPEI

A U.K. Trade Minister arrived in Taiwan on Monday for the first in-person talks since the coronavirus pandemic in a bid to boost ties with the self-ruled island, sparking a rebuke from Beijing.

Trade Policy Minister Greg Hands will co-host annual talks starting on Tuesday and meet Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen during his two-day visit, the Department for International Trade said.

Mr. Hands noted that Britain and Taiwan were both centres for global technology and that the island was a "vital partner" as the U.K. seeks new trade in the Pacific after Brexit.

But China, which claims Taiwan as part of its territory, took umbrage at the trip by Mr. Hands – the first by a British Minister to the island since 2018.

Beijing urges Britain to "stop any form of official exchanges with Taiwan and stop sending wrong signals to Taiwan separatist forces", Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said.

In London, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesman denied any change towards U.K. diplomatic recognition of China.

Taiwan has seen a flurry of visits by foreign officials in recent months, the most high-profile of which was U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, whose trip infuriated Beijing which later staged military drills in retaliation.

Ukraine hails new air defences from West

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukraine announced on Monday it had received more air defence systems from Western military allies, as officials in Kyiv said the situation with supplies was "tense" after protracted Russian attacks on energy facilities.

Defence Minister Oleksiy Reznikov said that Ukraine had received National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS) and Italian Aspide air defences, adding to weapons supplied by Germany. "Thank you to our partners – Norway, Spain and the U.S.," he said.

The Defence Ministry also said it was requisitioning several energy and manufacturing companies "of strategic importance" to guarantee sufficient supplies for the military to fend off Russia's invasion.

Acquiring firms

The secretary of Ukraine's national security and defence council Oleksiy Danilov said the decision to take over several companies was made "in connection with military necessity".

Mr. Danilov said the enterprises include aircraft engine manufacturer Motor Sich working from the partially Russian-controlled region of Zaporizhzhia and the oil and gas company UkrNafta.

Pakistani court seeks FIR on Imran Khan attack

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Monday ordered the Inspector-General of the Punjab province to register a case on the gun attack on Imran Khan within 24 hours, a directive hailed by the former Prime Minister's party as a "first step towards justice".

On Sunday, Mr. Khan said that an FIR has not been registered on the botched "assassination attempt" on his life as authorities are refusing to file the case unless he removes an Army general's name from the complaint.

Mr. Khan, who suffered bullet injuries in the right leg on Thursday, was discharged from the hospital on Sunday after undergoing successful surgery. The 70-year-old former Prime Minister has now been moved to a private residence in Lahore.

The Supreme Court on Monday directed Punjab police chief Faisal Shahkar to register an FIR of the gun attack on Mr. Khan within 24 hours, the *Dawn* newspaper reported.

Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial said that the apex court would take suo motu notice if the FIR was not registered.

He also asked Mr. Shahkar why the FIR was not registered. "Tell us when the FIR will be registered," he said, adding that there should be a concrete reason for not registering the FIR.

Government of Odisha
Sports & Youth Services Department
Request for Proposal

Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha invites bids from reputed agencies to participate in the **"RfP for supply, installation and maintenance of Gym equipment for DSYS, Govt. of Odisha"**, **Reference No : SYS-INFRA-MISC-0014-2022/20117, Dated : 04/11/2022**. The details of the document are available at the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in/**

Interested firms/ parties/ agencies are advised to study the RfP document carefully before submitting their bid.

Important Dates and Information :

Pre-Bid meeting - 08.11.2022 at 3.00 PM
Response to Pre-Bid queries - 09.11.2022
Last date and time of submission of proposal - 23.11.2022 up to 04:00 PM
Opening of the Technical Bid - 23.11.2022 at 6:00 PM

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
ERNAKULAM JUNCTION
TENDER NOTICE No. 05-DCE-CN-ERS-OT-2022
DATED: 05.11.2022

Name of Work: **Doubling of track between KURUPPANTHARA - CHINGAVANAM - Proposed maintenance of New track between ETTUMANUR and CHINGAVANAM Stations;** Tender Value : ₹ **117.01 Lakhs;** Completion Period: **12 Months; Date of Opening: 28.11.2022@ 15.00 hrs.** Complete details & tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), I, Ernakulam Jn.

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PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE No. AD/OE/GL-07/13(Vol.VI)/2832 Dtd. 02.11.2022

Name of the Work : "Providing Secretarial and other assistance for official works of Administrative Department". Estimated Cost put to tender : ₹3,30,20,323/- (excluding GST@18% & Contractor's commission). The Last date & time of submission of bid is 16.11.2022 upto 1700 Hrs. For details please refer our Website : www.paradipport.gov.in/ https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app .

Statistical & Research Officer, Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/205/22-23, Dt.07.11.22

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value of Work (Approx.)	Period of Completion
1.	Site Development Works for Common Effluent Treatment Plant At Paradeep, Jagatsinghpur, Odisha	₹753.35 lakhs	04 (Four) Calendar Months

I. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar-751022.	Bid ID no - P&C/ EST/ E-96/2022-23	17.00 Hours of 21.11.2022	17.00 Hours of 13.12.2022

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in . Corrigendum or addendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-procurement portal www.tenderodisha.gov.in as well as IDCO website www.idco.in.

CAD-2456: Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-14003/11/0190/2223

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED, JODHPUR
(MATERIAL MANAGEMENT & CONTRACT WING)
NEW POWER HOUSE, INDUSTRIAL AREA, JODHPUR-342003
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SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-Procurement Short Term Tender is invited for purchase of 11/0.433KV, 100 KVA Three Phase Star 1 Energy Efficiency Level-I, Aluminium Wound Distribution Transformers along with Meter and Protection Box (TN 1835)(UBN JVV2223GLOB00368).

Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening for aforesaid tenders are available on our website at https://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl and also at http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
GeM NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Southern Railway, Madurai - 625016 for and on behalf of The President of India invites Online tenders in **Two packet system** from reputed Contractors for the following works as per tender notice given in Government e-Marketing place (GeM) portal. The Tenderer(s) / Contractor(s) to apply for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled in the GeM portal and only online tenders will be accepted.

Name of the Work: **Comprehensive housekeeping at Rameswaram, Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar and Kovilpatti Railway stations for 730 days.**

Sl. No.1; GeM Bid No.: **GEM / 2022 / B / 2698483, Dated: 05.11.2022;** Place of Work: **VIRUDHUNAGAR & KOVILPATTI - MDU Division**; Value of the work: ₹ **1,25,97,803/-;** Tender closing date: **26.11.2022.**

Sl. No.2; GeM Bid No.: **GEM / 2022 / B /2696324, Dated: 05.11.2022;** Place of Work: **RAMESWARAM - MDU Division**; Value of the work: ₹ **91,88,495.4/-;** Tender closing date: **26.11.2022.**

Sl. No.3; GeM Bid No.: **GEM / 2022 / B /2702693, Dated: 05.11.2022;** Place of Work: **TIRUNELVELI - MDU Division**; Value of the work: ₹ **1,21,34,748/-;** Tender closing date: **26.11.2022.**

Further details are available in the detailed tender notice on website **www.Gem.gov.in**

Divisional Environment Housekeeping Manager, Madurai - 625016

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NOTIFICATION
Issued as per paragraph 6(7) of adoption regulations 2022

Name of the Child : **Devika, K S** Gender : **Female**, Date of Birth : **01/01/2005**, Place where the child found : **Kasargod**, Year of Foster Care Placement : **2015**, Kasargod Child Welfare Committee order No & Date for foster care Placement : **593/15, 13/05/2015**, Kannur Child Welfare Committee order No & Date for foster care Placement : **CWC.KNR.No.7/391FC/15**.

The above said child is kept under foster care as per the order of Child Welfare Committee. If anybody has any type of claim over the parent responsibility of the above said child can inform the following address: District Child Protection Officer, District. Child Protection Unit, 2nd Floor, Municipal Town Hall Shopping Complex, Thalassery, Kannur, Phone - 0490 2967199, Kerala, **Email - dcpuknr@gmail.com** with proper documents within 30 days of publication of this notice otherwise it will be considered as the child has no legal parents hence will go forward with adoption process.

Sd/- District Child Protection Officer, Kannur
02720/F4/2022/I&PRD

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INBRIEF

Inox Green Energy Services IPO to open November 11

The initial public offering (IPO) of Inox Green Energy Services Ltd., a subsidiary of Inox Wind Ltd., will open on November 11. The firm has fixed a price band of ₹61-₹65 a share with a face value of ₹10. The IPO comprises fresh issue of ₹370 crore and offer for sale of up to ₹370 crore. The issue would close on November 15. The net proceeds would be used for repayment of certain borrowings and general corporate purposes.

Five Star Business Finance IPO to open on Wednesday

Five Star Business Finance Ltd., a Chennai-based non-banking financial company (NBFC), said it would enter the capital market on Wednesday with an IPO at a price band ranging from ₹450 to ₹474 per share. Investors can bid for a minimum of 31 equity shares and in multiples of 31 shares thereafter. The offer for sale aggregates to ₹1,960 crore by the company's promoters and existing shareholders. The issue would close on Friday, the NBFC said in a statement.

Life insurers post 15% rise in new premium at ₹24,916 cr.

New business premium income of life insurance companies rose by 15.3% to ₹24,916.58 crore in October 2022, Life Insurance Council data showed. All the 24 life insurers had a collective new business premium income of ₹21,606.25 crore in the same month a year earlier. LIC recorded an 18% rise in new business premium at ₹15,920.13 crore during the month, as against ₹13,500.78 crore a year earlier. The remaining 23 private sector players saw combined new business premium increasing 11% to ₹8,996.45 crore from ₹8,105.46 crore in October 2021. PTI

'Single GST rate, direct tax sans exemption will be ideal'

'Progressive' rates work best for direct taxes, not indirect taxes such as GST, says PMEAC chief Debroy; moots scrapping exemptions in personal, corporate income taxes to simplify system

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime should have ideally had a single tax rate and covered all goods and services for its expected benefits to fully accrue to the economy, PM's Economic Advisory Council (PMEAC) chairman Bibek Debroy signalled on Monday.

Debroyspeak on taxes

PMEAC chief airs his 'personal views' as an economist

- Tax revenue must climb to enable the delivery of more public goods and services
- GST though 'a phenomenal work in progress' should ideally have had a single rate
- Estimates of 1.5-2% GDP gains from GST hinged on covering all items with a single rate
- Drop differentiation between personal and corporate income tax

'As citizen, economist'

Stressing that he was speaking in his personal capacity as a citizen and economist, rather than as an adviser to the government, Mr. Debroy said GST rates should be the same on all goods as 'progressive' rates work best with direct taxes, rather than with indirect taxes.

He also mooted doing away with the distinction between personal and corporate income tax rates and scrapping exemptions that lead to tax avoidance strategies.

Terming the GST 'a phenomenal work in progress' and 'a remarkable instance' of the Union and States working together, the PMEAC chief said that allowing a mindset of 'prime control' whereby GST rates are pegged higher for items considered 'elitist' and lower for items of mass consumption, enabled differentiation and subjective interpretation and litigation, he pointed out at the TIOL Tax Congress 2022 held here.

India's fuel demand rose 3.4% y-o-y in October: data

Reuters

India's fuel consumption, a proxy for oil demand, rose 3.4% year-on-year in October to 18.37 million tonnes, data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) of the Oil Ministry showed.

Sales of gasoline, or petrol, were 8.8% at 2.99 million tonnes. Cooking gas or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) sales decreased 3.3% to 2.40 million tonnes, while naphtha sales fell 24% to 0.96 million tonnes.

Manufacturing to sustain growth thrust for 6-9 months: FICCI

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The growth momentum, seen by India's manufacturing sector for the past few months, is likely to stay for the next six to nine months, as per a quarterly survey by FICCI.

According to the survey, the existing average capacity utilisation in manufacturing is more than 70%, reflecting sustained economic activity in the sector. Future investment outlook also slightly improved compared with the previous quarter as almost 40% of respondents reported plans for capacity addition in six months by more than 15% on average.

However, global economic uncertainty caused by the Russia-Ukraine war and rising cases of various mutations of the COVID-19 virus globally have accentuated volatilities impacting major economies.

High input prices and low demand are some of the major constraints affecting expansion plans.

China's trade dips as COVID curbs, global slowdown hit

Reuters
BEIJING

China's exports and imports unexpectedly contracted in October, the first simultaneous slump since May 2020, as COVID curbs at home and global recession risks dented demand.

Outbound shipments in October shrank 0.3% from a year earlier, a sharp turnaround from a 5.7% gain in September, official data showed on Monday. Imports dipped 0.7%, from a 0.3% gain in September.

Auto sales in festival period rise to 4-year high: FADA

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Festival demand helped spur domestic retail auto sales growth in October to almost 48% from a year earlier to 20.94 lakh units, data from FADA showed. This year's festival season proved to be the best in the last four years for the industry, the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) said in a statement on Monday.

Retail sales in October 2021 stood at 14.18 lakh units. When compared with the pre-COVID month of October 2019, sales showed an 8% expansion. Passenger vehicle retails grew 41% to 3,28,645 units last month, while two-wheeler registrations rose 51% to 15,71,165 units. Commercial vehicle (CV) retail sales increased 25% to 74,443 units and three-wheeler sales climbed 66% to 66,763. Tractors logged 17% growth to 53,362 units.

"With most of the month [coming] under the festival period, the sentiments were extremely positive across all categories of dealership," FADA President Manish Raj Singhania said in the statement. "Even when compared to pre-COVID month of 2019, overall retail sales for the first time closed in green," he added.

CVs are expected to see continuing demand due to a rise in the number of infrastructure projects and in public spending, he said, adding entry-level segment demand continues to see some softness.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	61,185	0.39
US Dollar	81.92	0.52
Gold	51,201	0.65
Brent oil	99.22	–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3960.60	127.35
Adani Ports	853.00	-9.90
Apollo Hosp	4363.80	1.20
Asian Paints	3103.55	-77.80
Axis Bank	872.95	4.85
Bajaj Auto	3769.85	-1.25
Bajaj Finserv	1778.05	-22.65
Bajaj Finance	7190.05	-21.95
Bharti Airtel	822.70	6.30
BPCL	309.75	8.40
Britannia Ind	4139.25	335.05
Cipla	1130.90	-15.20
Coal India	249.55	3.50
Divis Lab	3414.55	-331.75
Dr Reddys Lab	4485.45	-39.65
Eicher Motors	3755.15	88.25
Grasim Ind	1775.20	10.10
HCL Tech	1047.15	1.80
HDFC	2507.40	20.75
HDFC Bank	1508.80	11.65
HDFC Life	536.00	-3.30
Hero MotoCorp	2621.05	32.15
Hindalco	437.50	6.95
Hind Unilever	2532.80	12.45
ICICI Bank	917.50	12.20
IndusInd Bank	1144.15	-8.55
Infosys	1507.45	-6.55
ITC	353.50	-0.10
JSW Steel	710.00	8.25
Kotak Bank	1882.60	-17.35
L&T	2017.65	2.55
M&M	1351.30	13.00
Maruti Suzuki	9333.30	103.80
NestleIndia	20480.25	54.95
NTPC	175.85	-1.10
ONGC	138.55	0.70
PowerGrid Corp	228.00	1.85
Reliance Ind	2606.60	13.85
SBI Life	1278.65	13.05
State Bank	614.15	20.20
Sun Pharma	1028.35	-11.55
TataConsumerProduct	772.15	7.85
Tata Motors	435.00	9.65
Tata Steel	106.70	1.95
TCS	3233.70	16.30
Tech Mahindra	1053.50	-0.15
Titan	2741.55	-28.15
UltraTech Cement	6973.50	80.45
UPL	748.45	9.60
Wipro	391.50	0.95

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 07

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.72	82.04
Euro	81.58	81.90
British Pound	93.64	94.02
Japanese Yen (100)	55.73	55.95
Chinese Yuan	11.31	11.35
Swiss Franc	82.52	82.85
Singapore Dollar	58.20	58.44
Canadian Dollar	60.60	60.84
Malaysian Ringitt	17.23	17.32
Australian Dollar	52.82	53.03

Source:Indian Bank

Sundaram Finance Q2 net rises 44%

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Sundaram Finance Ltd. reported standalone net profit for the second quarter rose by 44% year-on-year to ₹304 crore.

Total revenue from operations grew by almost 3% to ₹1,048.31 crore while disbursements rose 42% to ₹5,139 crore, SFL said.

"Economic activity remained robust through Q2," said Harsha Viji, executive vice-chairman.

"We delivered strong growth, continuing the momentum from Q1, to gain and extend our market share across most asset classes," he added.

Better asset quality

"Our asset quality continued to improve and remained best-in-class while profitability improved creating sufficient ammunition for continuing our growth trajectory," he said.

"The external environment is likely to witness some softening in the second half as the RBI's withdrawal of pandemic accommodation gains traction and global geopolitical and monetary policy shifts continue to unfold," said Rajiv Lochan, MD.

India Cements turns record loss of ₹138 crore after input costs soar

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The India Cements Ltd. (ICL) posted a record loss of ₹137.58 crore in the three months ended September, against a profit of ₹22 crore in the year-earlier period, as input costs surged.

"Coal prices shot up from $60 to $300 per tonne last quarter affecting cost of production directly, while variable costs rose from ₹2,100 per tonne to ₹3,600 per tonne," said N. Srinivasan, vice-chairman and MD. "The increase in cost could not be passed on to customers."

N. Srinivasan

This was compounded by volume loss as some markets were not commercially viable on account of high production cost.

Moreover, the plants operated at 60% capacity in the quarter, impacting the bottom line. Revenue from operations grew 5% to ₹1,255 crore. On the outlook, Mr. Srinivasan said that although overall cement demand was expected to be buoyant amid private sector house-building and construction activities as well as the Centre and southern States giving a push to infrastructure projects, there was substantial overcapacity in the South. While hinting at one more price increase, he said ICL had stopped generating power as coal prices had risen.

The industry in the South was unable to assess the price situation and availability of thermal coal although some moderation was expected in prices.

Wilhelmsen to widen Indian seafarers' pool

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Wilhelmsen Ship Management, among the world's top six third-party ship management companies, plans to raise the intake of Indian seafarers as part of its ambitious plans to grow the fleet it oversees by 60% in five years.

The Norwegian firm, which established its Indian operations in 1975, now has more than 2,500 active Indian seafarers accounting for almost 30% of its global pool. The objective is to lift the number of Indian seafarers, including officers, in a progressive manner, said Carl Schou, president & CEO.

Carl Schou

The company, which also procures more than $230 million worth of products from India for its global operations, is likely to see this volume going up in line with fleet expansion.

SCL Q2 net profit rises 34% to ₹49 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Sundaram-Clayton Ltd. (SCL) has posted a 34% increase in standalone net profit for the second quarter ended September to ₹49 crore.

Revenue from operations rose 24% to ₹547 crore and total expenditure increased 25% to ₹515 crore, SCL said in a regulatory filing. The results also include an exceptional gain of ₹27.95 crore, interest income of ₹31.16 crore, and one-time cost associated with voluntary separations of ₹3.21 crore.

Sport

Ghosal and his tryst with success continues as he now aims for the Asian Games

On cloud nine: With a bunch of medals in 2022, Ghosal is looking for more glory in the coming year. GETTY IMAGES

SQUASH

Abhishek Saini
CHENNAI

In his nearly two-decade-long career, squash player Saurav Ghosal has not been a stranger to success.

But 2022 has been a bit more gratifying. On April 8, he won a maiden gold at the World Doubles Championship in Glasgow, teaming up with Dipika Pallikal. Ghosal followed it up with India's maiden Commonwealth Games singles medal on August 3.

"I will cherish 2022," he says. "A lot of good things have happened. There have been phases where I have not felt the best. It's good to have something to show for all the sacrifice and hard work."

Friday's gold medal at the men's Asian Team Championship, another first for the country, was the icing on the cake.

"We came close on a few occasions in the past, but for whatever reason that did not transpire into us winning the gold. In terms of performances, we had been right up there.

"As a team, we did well to get through our matches, clinically and professionally. That gave us a good platform to build on for the knockouts. It's been coming for a few years."

The victory is yet another small triumph in the effort to make squash a mainstream sport in India.

Despite players like Ghosal and Pallikal grabbing eyeballs by winning on the world stage, the sport has struggled to appeal to the masses.

Integration at the grassroots might help the cause, Ghosal hopes. "There needs to be a concerted effort in building. Get it into schools. Give the kids a court, a racquet and a ball, and they can learn the sport at a basic level. We'll have more kids playing."

As the battle to get squash to the fore continues, Ghosal shifts his focus to the next challenge – Asian Games.

Sumit punches his way to the semifinals; Thapa ensures a medal

ASIAN BOXING

Sports Bureau

Sumit Kundu gave a fine account of himself to beat Thailand's Borworn Kadamduan 3-2 in a closely-fought quarterfinal match and enter the men's 75kg semifinals in the Asian boxing championships in Amman on Monday.

On Sunday night, former World Championships bronze medallist and multiple Asian medallist Shiva Thapa won his 63.5kg quarterfinal bout against South Korea's Minsu Choi with a 4-1 verdict to secure his sixth Asian medal.

He has become the most successful male boxer in the event.

Take that! Sumit, left, in action against Kadamduan. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Another Thailand Open champion and National title holder Govind Sahani (48kg), who received a first round bye, defeated Kuwait's Mansour Khalifa 5-0 comprehensively in the last-eight to reach the medal round.

The results (quarterfinals):
Men: 48kg: Govind Sahani bt Mansour Khalifa (Kuw) 5-0; **63.5kg:** Shiva Thapa bt Minsu Choi (Kor) 4-1; **67kg:** Amit Kumar lost to Muydinkhujaev Asadkhuja (Uzb) 5-0; **71kg:** Sachin lost to Aslanbek Shymbergenov (Kaz) 4-1; **75kg:** Sumit Kundu bt Borworn Kadamduan (Tha) 3-2; **80kg:** Lakshya Chahar lost to Aslonov Odiljon (Uzb) 5-0.

Women: 48kg: Monika lost to Chorong Bak (Kor) 4-1.

60kg: Simranjit Kaur lost to Yeonji Oh (Kor) 5-0.

TOP HONOUR

Kohli and Nida win ICC 'player of the month' award for October

Virat Kohli was on Monday named ICC men's 'player of the month' for October following a series of stellar performances in the T20 World Cup in Australia. Pakistan's veteran all-rounder Nida Dar won the honour in the women's category, thanks to her sensational form in the Asia Cup.

RACING AGAINST TIME

Malan doubtful for England's semifinal clash against India

England batter Dawid Malan is a doubtful starter for his side's T20 World Cup semifinal against India on Thursday after getting injured during the team's final Super 12 game. Malan sustained a groin injury in England's four-wicket win over Sri Lanka on Saturday. Vice-captain Moeen Ali said Malan's injury doesn't look good.

WTA FINALS

Sabalenka stuns Swiatek, takes on Garcia for title

The seventh-ranked Aryna Sabalenka toppled World No. 1 Iga Swiatek 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 on Sunday to set up a title clash with Caroline Garcia at the season-ending WTA Finals. Sixth-ranked Garcia of France had powered past Greece's Maria Sakkari 6-3, 6-2 in the other semifinal.

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Jaipur Pink Panthers puts it across U Mumba in a close contest

Jaipur Pink Panthers and U Mumba put up an inspired show before the former won 42-39 in the Pro Kabaddi League in Pune on Monday. Arjun Deshwal's 15 raid points and Ankush's five tackle points swung it Pink Panthers' way. In the second match, Patna Pirates outgunned Haryana Steelers 41-32.

India has ticked all the boxes en route the semifinals

The Men in Blue qualified on the basis of fine performances rather than on permutations and combinations linked to other squads and results; the only blip was the loss against South Africa

On the ball: Suryakumar stepped up whenever the team needed to accelerate. GETTY IMAGES

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

Multi-team championships have their twists and turns. Form oscillates, predictions turn into dust, defending champions get ejected – like it happened with Australia –and minnows can hurt – as South Africa and England learnt the hard way from the Netherlands and Ireland respectively.

To stand firm within this churn demands consistency and the will to prevail. India ticked those boxes as it topped Group 2 and made it to the semifinals of the ICC Twenty20 World Cup. The Men in Blue qualified on the basis of fine performances rather than lean on permutations and combinations that is linked to other squads and their results.

Par for the course

There was a loss against South Africa, but it is par for the course in a tournament that hinges on the round-robin format before it leads up to the knockouts.

New Zealand, England, India and Pakistan qualified in that order from the two groups, for the last four. The stage is set for Wednesday's semifinal at Sydney pitting New Zealand against Pakistan and Thursday's semifinal at Adelaide offering a face-off between India and England. This is the tournament's tipping point as one loss means the erasure of dreams.

Rohit Sharma's men did well to last the distance so far and in every clash, heroes popped up. If Virat Kohli has been the batting spine, Suryakumar Yadav is the lightning rod striking at will. Against Zimbabwe at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday, he was alert to Craig Ervine's field-placements. The Zimbabwe skipper tried to protect the arc between square-leg and fine-leg but the gifted batter tipped over the fielder's head or threaded fours through the minutest of gaps.

Suryakumar's willow has an innate sense of geometry. Fresh angles are found, the batting crease becomes a platform for some ballet as the star moves around, either to drill one through the off-side or shuffle across and pull towards the on-side or flip one over the perplexed wicketkeeper.

Providing the impetus

Even if K.L. Rahul had struck a 51, it was Suryakumar who granted impetus to the innings with Hardik Pandya lending a hand.

Later, after Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Arshdeep Singh made early inroads, R. Ashwin prised out three wickets while his fellow spinner Axar Patel leaked runs but had the consolation of scalping the last batter.

The Rishabh Pant for Dinesh Karthik swap may not have clicked in terms of enhancing batting resources but as the management insists, judgement won't be passed instantaneously.

The morning after sealing their semifinal berth, the Men in Blue had no time to order breakfast in bed. They flew to Adelaide and at the airport some fans broke into impromptu songs in English and Hindi with the lyrics being linked to the names of the players ranging from Kohli to Yuzvendra Chahal. If the former offered a quick wave, the latter grinned and left.

This symbiosis between the stars and their die-hard followers will be again on display at the Adelaide Oval on Thursday and may ripple across to Melbourne, depending on Rohit's men qualifying for the summit clash. Hope floats.

Dharmasena, Reiffel on-field umpires for India-England encounter

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Monday announced the match officials for the semifinals of the T20 World Cup with Kumara Dharmasena and Paul Reiffel named the on-field umpires of the India-England contest in Adelaide.

Chris Gaffaney will be the third umpire for the game on November 10.

Marais Erasmus and Richard Illingworth will be the on field umpires in the first semifinal between New Zealand and Pakistan in Sydney on November 9 with Richard Kettleborough being the third umpire.

'Kohli's shot will go down as one of the most remembered'

Press Trust of India
MELBOURNE

Virat Kohli's sensational straight six off a super quick Haris Rauf delivery will go down as one of the best shots played in T20 World Cup history, reckons Australian legend Ricky Ponting.

The two sixes hit by Kohli have already become part of cricketing forklore and Ponting, too, looked back at those strokes, especially the first one.

"I'm not sure what all the fuss is about," Ponting said. "It's going to go down as one of the most remembered and talked about shots probably in – I won't say white-ball cricket history – but certainly T20 World Cup history," he told T20 World Cup website.

Kohli. GETTY IMAGES

Team that cuts out the distractions will have the edge in India-England semifinal: Hussey

Shayan Acharya
ADELAIDE

In his long and illustrious international career, Mike Hussey has featured in several big-ticket games for Australia. But when the second semifinal of the T20 World Cup gets underway between India and England at the Adelaide Oval on Thursday, it will be a different experience for 'Mr. Cricket'.

England's assistant coach Hussey knows that it will be a massive challenge for both teams. While he admits that the team that cuts out the distractions will have the edge, Hussey also hopes the England's batters will come good against the "powerful" Indians.

"The boys are pretty relaxed," he tells *The Hindu* on Monday, adding that "with Virat Kohli and Ben Stokes back in rhythm", an exciting game is in the offing.

England's props: Hussey with Collingwood, left, and Mott — providing the players the support they need. GETTY IMAGES

"We'll start training tomorrow (Tuesday), when we'll discuss the pitch, the outfield and any other local knowledge I can pass on," he said.

There never was any panic, he asserts, even after the shock defeat to Ireland. "There were a few tough games early on and the washout. It hasn't been easy for the top line of batters. But they are experienced players, we've a lot of faith in them," he said.

"Suryakumar Yadav has been sensational. He's been doing it in the IPL. And now to do it consistently at the highest level, it's great. Personally, love watching him bat, but bviously, I hope he doesn't get a big score against England on Thursday," Hussey laughs.

But, first England will have to deal with Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, he pointed out. "They seem to perform when the team needs it most. It's a special quality these players have.

"We've seen it with Ben Stokes, too, like the other night against Sri Lanka. The team was in a bit of trouble and he sort of coolly worked his way through it," Hussey said.

Hussey was also impressed by the way minnows like the Netherlands, Zimbabwe and Ireland performed. "I think it's been fantastic. And you can see the improvement in these teams. There are players stepping up all the time."

Return to Chennai

On working with Chennai Super Kings in the IPL, Hussey gushed, "It's fantastic. It's a great environment. I love the players, the coaching staff, the owners... So, hoping for a very strong season.

"I think what I'm most excited about is getting back to Chennai. We haven't been able to play in Chennai for a few years. And having the stadium absolutely packed with a sea of yellow is something!"

Alves makes Brazil's World Cup squad, Firmino left out

Reuters
RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazil included 39-year-old defender Daniel Alves but left out Liverpool forward Roberto Firmino in its 26-man World Cup squad which was named by coach Tite on Monday.

Arsenal's Gabriel Martinelli was included among nine forwards in a list dominated by 12 players from the Premier League.

The Brazilian Football Association announced that former PSG manager Ricardo Gomes will join Tite's staff as an assistant.

Brazil opens its World Cup campaign in Qatar against Serbia on Nov. 24 and also faces Switzerland and Cameroon in Group G.

The squad:

Goalkeepers: Alisson, Ederson, Weverton; **Defenders:** Bremer, Alex Sandro, Eder Militao, Marquinhos, Thiago Silva, Danilo, Daniel Alves, Alex Telles.

Midfielders: Bruno Guimaraes, Casemiro, Fred, Everton Ribeiro, Fabinho, Lucas Paqueta.

Forwards: Antony, Gabriel Jesus, Gabriel Martinelli, Neymar Jr, Pedro, Raphinha, Richarlison, Rodrygo, Vinicius Jr.

Liverpool handed a Real Madrid rematch in the last 16 round of Champions League

The road ahead: Turkish footballer Hamit Altintop and UEFA deputy secretary-general Giorgio Marchetti at the draw. AP

FOOTBALL

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Liverpool will have the chance to avenge last season's Champions League final defeat at the hands of Real Madrid after it was drawn on Monday to face the holder again in the last 16. Meanwhile, Paris Saint-Germain was drawn to play Bayern Munich in a repeat of the 2020 final which was won by the German club.

Manchester City will play RB Leipzig and 2021 winner Chelsea also drew German opposition in Borussia Dortmund.

After topping its group, thanks to a last-gasp winner away to Marseille last week, Tottenham Hotspur was given a tough draw against Italian champions AC Milan.

Inter Milan will play Porto and Eintracht Frankfurt take on Napoli, while Benfica were drawn against tournament outsiders Club Brugge of Belgium.

The first legs of all last-16 ties will be played in February with the return matches in March. The final will be held in Istanbul on June 10 next year.

The Champions League draw: RB Leipzig vs. Manchester City; Club Brugge vs. Benfica; Liverpool vs. Real Madrid; AC Milan vs. Tottenham Hotspur; Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Napoli; Borussia Dortmund vs. Chelsea; Inter Milan vs. Porto; Paris St. Germain vs. Bayern Munich

The schedule: First legs: Feb. 14-15 and 21-22; second legs: March 7-8 and 14-15.

Team mentioned first will host the opening leg.

The Europa League draw: Barcelona v Manchester United, Juventus v Nantes, Sporting Lisbon v Midtjylland, Shakhtar Donetsk v Stade Rennais, Ajax Amsterdam v Union Berlin, Bayer Leverkusen v AS Monaco, Sevilla v PSV Eindhoven, Salzburg v AS Roma.

Gunathilaka denied bail, SLC suspends player

Agence France-Presse
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) suspended Danushka Gunathilaka on Monday after he was charged with four counts of sexual assault in Australia while on National duty at the T20 World Cup.

Meanwhile, a Sydney court rejected the player's application for bail.

"SLC will take the necessary steps to promptly carry out an inquiry into the alleged offence, and, steps will be taken to penalise the said player if found guilty," SLC said.

INBRIEF

Frederic Bertrand appointed Mahindra Racing CEO

Mahindra Racing, part of the Mahindra Group on Monday announced the appointment of Frédéric Bertrand as its Chief Executive Officer. He will be based at Mahindra Racing's headquarters in Banbury, England and will report to Asha Kharga, Chairperson, Mahindra Racing. India is set to debut on the Formula E calendar with a race in Hyderabad to be held in February 2023.

Still ailing, Lakshya pulls out of Australian Open

Suffering from the throat infection picked up before the Hylo Open, Lakshya Sen has withdrawn from the Australian Open Super 300 badminton tournament scheduled to be held November 15-20 in Sydney.

LIVE TELECAST

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards
Bundesliga: Sony Sports 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Wednesday)
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

Kenyans Chebet, Lokedi make dream debuts

The former finishes 13 seconds ahead of Ethiopia's Kitata while the latter pulls away in the final two miles to win by seven seconds; Do Nascimento collapses after setting a scorching pace

Best on show: Chebet, flanked by Kitata, left, and Nageeye after storming to victory on Sunday. *Right:* Women's champion Lokedi with second-place finisher Salpeter, left, and Gebreslase. AP

NYC MARATHON

Associated Press
NEW YORK

Kenyans Evans Chebet and Sharon Lokedi made huge splashes in their New York City Marathon debuts.

Chebet won the men's race and Lokedi the women's race in her first-ever marathon on an unseasonably warm day on Sunday, with temperatures in the 70s making it one of the hottest in race history since the marathon was moved to November in 1986.

Chebet finished in 2 hours, 8 minutes and 41 seconds, which was 13 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Shura Kitata of Ethiopia.

Daniel Do Nascimento, who had been leading the entire way, collapsed 21 miles in. Race officials said later that he was OK.

The Brazilian ran the first half of the race in a blistering 1:01.22, which put him 2 minutes ahead of the course record pace. He had been leading by nearly 2 minutes for the first 15 miles before he started to slow down.

Chebet saw Do Nascimento on the ground and said he "felt bad for him, but had to continue to race." "He knew that it was hot and humid and (Do Nascimento) was going at a high pace," Chebet said .

After Do Nascimento's collapse, Chebet took the lead and wasn't threatened the rest of the way.

It was Lokedi's first-ever marathon and she finished in 2:23.23 – just ahead of Lonah Chemtai Salpeter of Israel.

Pulling ahead

The 28-year-old was in a tight race before she pulled ahead of Chemtai Salpeter in the final two miles to win by seven seconds and finish about 50 seconds off the course record. "I didn't expect to win, I expected to run well," Lokedi said.

Marcel Hug of Switzerland was victorious in the men's wheelchair race for the fifth time, tying Kurt Fearnley for most-ever victories in that event. Hug finished the 26.2-mile course that goes through all five boroughs of New York in 1:25.26 to break the previous mark of 1:29.22 set by Fearnley of Australia in 2006.

The 36-year-old Hug, nicknamed the "The Silver Bullet," has been on quite a streak, winning four gold medals at the Tokyo Paralympics last year as well as the Tokyo, Berlin, London and Chicago Marathons in 2022.

Susannah Scaroni also broke the course record in the women's wheelchair race, finishing in 1:42.43. That was 21 seconds better than the old mark, which was held by Tatyana McFadden.

Wesley So leads Nihal Sarin in title clash

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Nihal Sarin lost twice to Wesley So with black pieces to trail 1-3 in the first set of four rapid games in the title-clash of the $500,000 *Chess.com* Global Championship Finals on Sunday.

Since the first player to reach 4.5 points from eight games will get the winner's share of $200,000, Nihal will to have strike early, preferably twice, to stay in the contest on Monday.

So won the first game with white pieces after Nihal faltered decisively on the 23rd move and resigned following 34 moves when staring at checkmate.

In the second game, too, So seized the advantage with black pieces around the 15th move and surprisingly settled for a draw eight moves later, even though he clearly held the whip.

Nihal got his best opportunity to level the score in the third game when So played a dubious move on the 30th turn. However, the Indian youngster missed the precise continuation and soon blundered his way to a 43-move checkmate.

In the final clash of the day, the players chose to draw in 23 moves after equal exchanges.

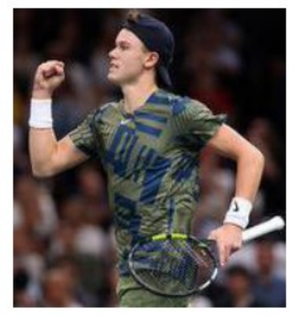
Rune is first Dane into ATP top 10

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Danish teenager Holger Rune moved up eight places to break into the top 10 in the latest ATP rankings released on Monday after his victory in the Paris Masters.

Rune, 19, shocked six-time champion Novak Djokovic to clinch his first Masters title on Sunday, coming from a set down to win 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. He becomes the first Dane to break into the top 10.

Carlos Alcaraz retains the World No. 1 ranking, ahead of fellow Spaniard Rafael Nadal.



Holger Rune.GETTY IMAGES

The rankings: 1. Carlos Alcaraz (Esp) 6820; 2. Rafael Nadal (Esp) 5820; 3. Stefanos Tsitsipas (Gre) 5350 (+2); 4. Casper Ruud (Nor) 5020; 5. Daniil Medvedev 4065 (-2); 6. Felix Auger-Aliassime (Can) 3995 (+2); 7. Andrey Rublev 3530 (+2); 8. Novak Djokovic (Srb) 3320 (-1); 9. Taylor Fritz (USA) 2955 (+2); 10. Holger Rune (Den) 2911 (+8).

Ginting and Yue take the honours in the Hylo Open

Sports Bureau

Indonesia's Anthony Ginting and China's Han Yue claimed the men's and women's singles titles respectively at the Hylo Open Super 300 badminton tournament in Saarbrucken (Germany) on Sunday. Ginting, who beat K. Srikanth in the semifinals, prevailed over Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien Chen 18-21, 21-11, 24-22.

Yue beat compatriot Zhang Yi Man 21-18, 21-16.

ATP Bengaluru Open, with bigger prize money, from Feb. 20

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

The fifth edition of the Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger tennis tournament will be held from February 20 to 26 next year at the KSLTA courts inside Cubbon Park here.

The 2023 edition is set to be bigger than last year's, with a total prize money of $130,000. In 2022, the KSLTA had chosen to conduct two back-to-back Challengers, albeit with a cash purse of $52,000 each.

> We are keen to welcome players from across the globe
> **SUNIL YAJAMAN**

"Bengaluru has become a sought-after destination on the ATP Challenger Tour," a media release quoted tournament director Sunil Yajaman as saying.

"Apart from Indian and Karnataka players deriving benefit from the event with home advantage on their side, we are also keen to welcome players from across the globe to Bengaluru."

"The Government of Karnataka has been our biggest supporter of the Bengaluru Open with all the corporates based in the city.

"We have started upgrading the facilities at the KSLTA Stadium in order to give the players and the fans a much better experience," Yajaman added.

Content Barty emphatically rules out a comeback to tennis, says she's 'done'

TENNIS

Associated Press
MELBOURNE

Former world No. 1 Ash Barty has emphatically ruled out ever making a comeback to tennis, or switching to another sport.

Launching her autobiography at Melbourne Park – scene of her Australian Open triumph in January just two months before her shock retirement announcement – the 26-year-old said she had no desire to return to high-level sport, and was sure she never would.

"Nope, I'm done," Barty told *Australian Associated Press* on Monday. "You can never say never but no. No, no, no. I'm done."

Enough of it: Barty. has no desire to return to high-level sport and is sure she never would.AP

The three-time Grand Slam singles winner, who spent 121 weeks at the top of the rankings, had played professional cricket with the Brisbane Heat during a hiatus from tennis.

She also plays golf off a handicap of four, prompting some observers to suggest she could pursue a future in that sport.

But, launching her memoir *My Dream Time*, Barty insisted she was happy with her new, more settled life off the WTA Tour, and had no professional sports plan in mind.

"I miss competing and challenging myself against the best of the world but I don't miss a lot that comes with it," she said.

"I'm still competitive with myself when I train at home. I still try and push myself but there's no white-line fever any more. And I never really felt like there was this void that needed to be filled in because there was a genuine sense of fulfillment at the end of my career."

Barty, who married long-time partner Garry Kissick in July, said she was unsure what her future held, although she was already enjoying mentoring young players – something which could point to a future role as Australian Billie Jean King Cup (formerly Fed Cup) captain.

The celebration and goal meant more than just a win for Vafa

Aashin Prasad
CHENNAI

When Iran's Vafa Hakhamaneshi scored for Chennaiyin FC against East Bengal at the Salt Lake Stadium last week, he displayed the message: 'Women. Life. Freedom.' under his shirt as part of his celebration.

Vafa, who was on a booking, scored from a corner kick but 'forgot everything' that happened before when he pulled up his jersey to show the message. He was subsequently booked for a second yellow and was sent off for his gesture.

FIFA's rules state that a player can be cautioned for taking off his shirt or covering the head with a shirt during a goal celebration. Fortunately for Vafa, his goal turned out to be the match-winner.

For a cause: Vafa lifted his jersey to display a strong message in support of women in Iran. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

Discrimination

For Vafa, the goal and the celebration meant more than just a win. "This celebration is about the situation in Iran," he says. Iran is in turmoil with state-sponsored violence and discrimination against its citizens, especially women.

"For two weeks, I was waiting day and night for the moment: to score and get this message out. After I scored the goal, I forgot everything and only wanted to show the message," says the 31-year-old.

Women are not allowed to enter stadiums by the government, which contravenes the world football body's criteria. There have been widespread calls from Iranian footballers and sports personalities to FIFA to suspend the national football federation and even ban Iran from this month's World Cup in Qatar.

"It [celebration] was a voice for my people from the outside. Everything in Iran, the internet and social media, is now blocked. The TV channels, I think, are not true now. They only speak about the government; they are controlled by the government.

"This was needed – for people who live or work outside Iran to show a little bit about how the situation is in Iran and about this liberation," says Vafa.

Good response

And his message has travelled far and wide. "I have gotten messages not only from Iran, but from Germany, Brazil, America, and India," he says.

People in Iran are divided over whether Iran should play the World Cup. Vafa, however, wants to see their countrymen take up the issue on the biggest stage of them all.

"The football World Cup is very famous, and everybody is looking at this stage. Last week, Esteghlal won the Iran Super Cup and decided not to celebrate in protest. I want the Iranian players to play in the World Cup and show everybody about the situation," he says.

Mayank at the helm for Vijay Hazare Trophy

CRICKET

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

BENGALURU: Mayank Agarwal has been named Karnataka skipper for the upcoming Vijay Hazare Trophy tournament.

Earlier in the season, Mayank had taken over captaincy duties in T20 cricket from Manish Pandey, shepherding the outfit to a quarterfinal finish in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT).

Karnataka, which will play its matches in Kolkata, named a 15-man squad on Monday. Notable absentees include southpaw Devdutt Padikkal, who is recovering from an injury, Karun Nair, who was dropped from the SMAT squad, and K.V. Siddharth, who has recovered from a tennis elbow but is short of game time.

Pacer Vyshak Vijaykumar is out, nursing a fractured finger, so is speedster Prasidh Krishna as he continues his rehab from a back injury. Top-order batter Nikin Jose has earned a call-up.

Karnataka will start its campaign against Meghalaya on Saturday.

The team: Mayank Agarwal (Capt.), R. Samarth, Manish Pandey, S.J. Nikin Jose, Manoj Bhandage, Abhinav Manohar, B.R. Sharath, Nihal Ullal, K. Gowtham, Shreyas Gopal, J. Suchith, Vidwath Kaverappa, V. Koushik, Ronit More, M. Venkatesh.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Royan 'tricks as Blue Star HC wins big

Royan Rodrigues scored a hat-trick as Blue Star HC thrashed Haveri SC 7-0 in the KSHA C-division hockey league here on Monday.

The results: Friends HC, Kalaburgi 4 (Pavan 6, 27, Manjunath S. Rajpalli 13, Sandeep 34) bt Bosch SC 1 (P.V. Balaji 21); Blue Star HC 7 (Sri Harsha 4, 11, Royan Rodrigues 6, 33, 50, Sundarraj 39, K.M. Pavan Kumar 43) bt Haveri SC 0.

Easy for Rebels FC

Rebels FC defeated ASC & Center FC 3-0 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Monday.

The results: Rebels FC 3 (Sandip Limba 51, Ernest Addo 71, Sanjib Singh 85) bt ASC & Center FC 0; BUFC 1 (K.N. Jevith 7) bt Young Challengers FC 0; FC Bengaluru United 3 (Lalramzauva Khiangte 26, Shajan Franklin 57, Mohammad Kdouh 90+1) bt Bangalore Dream United FC 1 (Jigme Tashi Lama 42).

Rajesh moves up in State-ranking snooker

Rajesh Jyothi defeated G. Yogesh 3-2 [70-52, 37-59, 47-60, 61-35, 63-20] in a second-round men's snooker match of the State-ranking tournament here on Monday.

Tarun wins Champions Chess Academy under-16 challenge

P.M. Tarun, with five points out of five, won the Champions Chess Academy under-16 challenge held here on Sunday. Anvith P. Bhat, with four points, was second, followed by B.K. Daksh Karthik, also on four points.